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**e-TENDER NOTICE No.09/
Dy.CSTE/C-II/SC/2026-27,
Dated 11.08.2026**

For and on behalf of the President of India, Deputy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer (Construction-II), South Central Railway, Secunderabad, with the approval of the competent authority invites e-Tender (Open) for the following work up to 15.00 hours on 07.09.2026.

S.No.: 01 Tender No.: C-SG-C-36-5-236A-2026-27 Name of the work: (i) MACLS Indoor and Outdoor works along with provision of Electronic Interlocking with inbuilt block at Kurnool Town & Dupadu Stations & Alterations to EI at Alamapur & Dupadu for Doubling connectivity to KRNT & Dupadu respectively (Indoor & Outdoor including block connectivity) and telecommunication related works between 238 km/ALPU to 255.500 km in connection with doubling between ALPU-Ulindikonda of HYB Division of S.C.Railway. (ii) Utility Shifting and Stage working are also part of this work. (iii) OFC 4 x 48F to be laid on both side of the track in complete section given and to be matched 2x48F and quad on one side and 2x48F on other side of the track with HDD/Micro-tunneling method (i.e., Redundant path) **Approx., value in (₹): 153582639/- Bid Security in (₹): 3071700/- Completion period:** 12 Months

1) For bid document and other details, please login to Website <https://ireps.gov.in>.

2) Payment of Bid Security shall be deposited either in cash through e payment gateway or submitted as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India.

3) Tenderers can submit their offers online during tender submission period which is fifteen days period prior to closing of Tender.

4) Tenderers should watch for any corrigenda (issued online only) up to date of commencement of the Tender submission period.

Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom. Engineer, (Construction-II), Secunderabad

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (through <http://ireps.gov.in>)

Chief Electrical Engineer (Construction), South Central Railway, Secunderabad invites e-tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works in Single packet system of tendering

S.No.: 01 NIT No.: Tender No: 04-2026-27-E-GS-CN 07.08.2026 Name of the work: Tender No: 04-2026-27-E-GS-CN-TSMD/Moula-ai: Augmentation of Infrastructure Facilities for maintenance of Vande-Bharat rakes at TSMD/Moula-ai: Electrical arrangements for Inspection Shed at Washing Line. **Estimate Cost (₹): 23068460.31/- EMD (₹): 461400.00/- Document Cost : Nil Completion period:** 06 (Months) **Date of closing:** 03/09/2026 15:00 Hrs.

1) For bid document and other details, please login to website <http://ireps.gov.in>

2) Payment of Earnest money Deposit and Cost of Tender document should be only through Net Banking/payment gateway facilities made available online in IREPS.

3) Tenderer can submit their offers online during tender submission period which is fifteen days period to closing of tender.

4) Tenderer should watch for any Corrigenda (issued online only) upto the date of commencement of the Tender submission period.

Chief Electrical Engineer, Const., Secunderabad

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (through <http://ireps.gov.in>)

Chief Electrical Engineer, Construction, South Central Railway, Secunderabad invites e-tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works in **Single packet system** of tendering.

S.No.: 01 NIT No.: E29CTR/SC/07-2026-27 Dt.07.08.2026 Name of the work: Tender No. E29CTR/SC/07-2026-27 Dt. 07.08.2026 "Design, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 25KV, 50Hz single phase a.c. traction overhead equipment with 65 sq.m catenary and 107/150 sq.m contact wire, LT supply transformer stations including modifications to the existing OHE in view of proposed new lines in Akola yard in Nanded Division of South Central Railway." **Estimate Cost (₹): 2,06,36,496.50/- EMD/Bid Security (₹): 4,12,700.00/- Document Cost :** Online tender document can be downloaded free of cost **Completion period:** 09 months **Date of closing:** 03.09.2026 at 15:00 hrs

1) For bid document and other details, please login to website <http://ireps.gov.in>.

2) The Bidder will have to provide Bid Security through IREPS.gov.in or submitted as Bank Guarantee Bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India. The Bank Guarantee bond shall be as per Appendix-VII and shall be valid for a period of 90 days beyond the bid validity period. Manual payment through Demand Draft, Bankers cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc., are not allowed.

3) Tenderer can submit their offers online during tender submission period which is fifteen days period to closing of tender.

4) Tenderer should watch for any Corrigenda (issued online only) upto the date of commencement of the Tender submission period.

Chief Electrical Engineer, Const., Secunderabad

CHANGE OF NAME
I, DUDEKULA RAFI, F/O: SEP DUDEKULA MOULALI,
R/O:H.No.7-585-A-1, KONDE PALLI ROAD, 7TH WARD, MARKAPUR, PRAKASAM, ANDHRA PRADESH - 523316 has changed my name from **DUDEKULA RAFI** to **DUDEKULA BIKARI URF RAFI** and my Date of Birth is 01-01-1970 vide affidavit DT. 28-07-2026

DOCUMENTS LOST
I, KAMINDLA ANITHA, W/o. KRISHNA, R/o. H.No. 4-113, Naginenipally Village, Bommalamaram Mandal, Yadadri Bhongir Dist., Doct. No. 2007/2002, Gift Deed dated 07-02-2022 has been misplaced by me while shifting my old house to new house. If anybody found please contact:
9948082454

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is informed to the general public that my Client **Mr. Mohammed Rayees, S/o. Mohammed Shareef** informed that he had misplaced Original Un. Regd. Will Deed (Link Document) dated: 12-10-2012 executed by **Zubeda Begum, W/o. Mohammed Shareef** in favour of **Mr. Mohammed Shareef S/o. Haji Fathe Mohammed** pertaining to the below mentioned Schedule of Properties. If anybody found the above Document same may be intimated / hand over the same to the below mentioned office. My Client further states that he wants to avail loan by mortgaging the schedule mentioned property. If any person has any claim / interest / dispute over the said transaction, the same may be intimated to the undersigned within 7 (seven) days from the date of this publication, failing which, no further claims / objections will be entertained and my client will proceed with the same.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY
All that the Shop bearing Municipal No. 21-1-654/B/2 (PTIN No.1052103625) on Second floor of God Gift Market in premises bearing Municipal No. 21-1-653 and 21-1-654, admeasuring 168.00 square feet with common Passage, situated at Rikab Gunj, Hyderabad-T.S., together with proportionate undivided share of land 4.40 square yards and bounded by: North: Market Passage, South: Premises No.21-1-665, East: Portion of Premises No.21-1-653 & 654, West: Portion of Premises No.21-1-653 & 654.

P. Santosh Kumar, Advocate # 1-8-5062/A/1, Adnan Chambers, Prakashnagar, Begumpet, Secunderabad - 500 016. Mobile : 99440067560

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (through <http://ireps.gov.in>)

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer, Traction Distribution, Secunderabad invited e-tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works in Single packet system of tendering.

S.No.: 01 NIT No.: C/E.29/TRD/SC/18/2026-27 Name of the work: Tender No. C/E.29/TRD/SC/18/2026-27 Dt. 10.08.2026. Trd arrangements: Manikgarh--Provision of Goods loading line at Manikgarh in Down direction towards Balharshah end in Kazipet-Balharshah section. **Estimate Cost (₹): 2,18,42,054.80/- Completion period:** 12 months **Date of closing:** 02.09.2026 at 15:00 hrs

S.No.: 02 NIT No.: C/E.29/TRD/SC/19/2026-27 Name of the work: Tender No. C/E.29/TRD/SC/19/2026-27 Dt. 10.08.2026. SC-WADI section - Rukmapur: Provision of longer loop line at Rukmapur station on UP line side WADI end in SC-WADI Section--TRD Arrangements **Estimate Cost (₹): 1,81,11,838.2/- Completion period:** 12 months **Date of closing:** 02.09.2026 at 15:00 hrs

S.No.: 03 NIT No.: C/E.29/TRD/SC/20/2026-27 Name of the work: Tender No. C/E.29/TRD/SC/20/2026-27 Dt. 10.08.2026. (1) TRD Arrangements--Interlocking of Three (3) No's of manned Non interlocked Level Crossing Gates (LC No. 42, 24 & 15) of NZB-PDPL Section. (2) Provision of ATs in connection with two numbers of end goompties at RGPMT station and one gumpy at PPZ station. (3) Proposal for construction of RBG & End GMTYs at RDM station-TRD Arrangements-Reg. **Estimate Cost (₹): 95,46,792.24/- Completion period:** 4 months **Date of closing:** 04.09.2026 at 15:00 hrs

1) For bid document and other details, please login to website <http://ireps.gov.in>

2) Tender conditions/other particulars are available in the Tender documents on IREPS website at ireps.gov.in in which can be downloaded, can be participated and can view any modifications if any.

3) Tenderer should watch for any Corrigenda (issued online only) upto the date of commencement of the Tender submission period.

Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer, TrD, Secunderabad

Tender No. TM265001A

The following tender have been floated through e-Procurement. Tenderers are requested to visit the web-site www.ireps.gov.in and submit their offers. **It may be noted that the offers submitted manually or on paper will not be accepted. Offers sent by post are not entertained:**

S.No.: 01 Tender No.: TM265001A Description : Supply, installation & commissioning of Unattended Axle Box Acceleration Measurement System (UABAMS) Value of tender (₹): 9301421/- Due date: 03.09.2026

For complete details please refer www.ireps.gov.in

A641 Dy. Chief Engineer/TM/HQ
For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at <https://www.ireps.gov.in> or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

Husnabad residents seek action on mosquito menace

Husnabad, August 12 (TSIT): Residents of Husnabad town in Siddipet district have urged municipal authorities to take immediate measures to control the growing mosquito and fly menace and prevent the spread of diseases during the monsoon. Residents alleged that overgrown grass and stagnant water across several wards had led to a rise in mosquitoes, while roaming pigs and dogs were adding to sanitation concerns. They claimed several people had been suffering from fever, vomiting and diarrhoea over the past week. The residents criticised the implementation of the 'Safai Apna, Bimari Bhagao' programme, alleging that it had remained largely symbolic without sustained field-level action.



Narayanpet Students Shine at National Karate Championship

Narayanpet, August 12 (TSIT): Students from Narayanpet district won 8 medals — 4 gold, 3 silver, and 1 bronze — at the first national-level karate tournament organized by the Japan Shotokan Karate Association on August 9 in Champapet, Hyderabad. District SP Dr. G. Vineeth IPS felicitated the winning students and their coaches, presenting certificates and medals. He urged students to excel in sports and martial arts alongside academics, noting that karate builds discipline, confidence, and physical fitness from a young age. He expressed hope that students would continue to bring laurels to the district at national and international levels.



CPI seeks Modi's resignation



Mancherial, August 12 (TSIT): The Communist Party of India (CPI) has demanded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resignation, alleging that the Union government failed to control rising prices of essential commodities. Speaking at a CPI awareness campaign at Indaram bus stand in Jaipur mandal on Wednesday, CPI Mancherial district secretary Ramadugu Lakshman criticised the Centre's policies and called for measures to address unemployment and the problems of farmers and agricultural labourers. He also sought better education and healthcare for the poor. Lakshman demanded elections through ballot papers instead of EVMs and called for steps to curb money power and inducements during elections. He suggested that election expenses be borne by the government and sought restrictions on campaign expenditure. The CPI campaign is being conducted nationwide from August 6 to 14. Lakshman also urged people to participate in the party's 'Chalo Delhi' programme on September 1. Several CPI leaders and party-affiliated organisation representatives attended the programme.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA REVENUE DEPARTMENT

FORM VI
(See sub-rule (1) of rule -19 and Section -11(1) of the Act No.30/2013)

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION.
Office of the District Collector, Karimnagar Dt: 06-08-2026
Proc. No. G13/17026

Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana / Collector, Karimnagar that an extent of Ac. 14.31 1/2 Gts of land specified in the "Schedule" below situated in the limits of Narayanapur village of Gangadhara Mandal is required for formation of extension of bund of Gangadhara (Narayanapur) Tank under Stage-II, Phase-I.

In exercise of the powers conferred U/s 10-A, the State of Telangana issued G.O.Ms.No.47, I&C&D (LA R&R/AD) Department dt. 25.07.2017 exempting the said land from the requirement of application of Chapter -II & III of the RFCTLRAR Act-2013 to the the Sripada Yellampalli Project Stage-I, Phase-I. Therefore, there is no requirement of following the procedure contemplated under Chapter-II & III of the RFCTLRAR Act 2013.

The Collector Karimnagar has appointed Additional Collector, Karimnagar as the Administrator to acquire lands in various projects in Karimnagar district to carry out rehabilitation and resettlement duties as per provisions of Sections 43(1) & 3(V) of RFCTLRAR Act, 2013. The Government vide G.O.M.S. No. 50 Revenue (J.A & L.A) Department, Dated: 18-2-2014 has exempted the powers vested in it, the Special Deputy Collector, LAI and R&R, Irrigation Projects, Karimnagar under Section 16 (1) of the Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 is hereby authorized in respect of lands falling within his possession for Rehabilitation and Resettlement plan and hold public hearing and submit a draft report in terms of section 16 (1) to (6) and Rule 22 (1) to (5) of G.O.M.S.No.50 Revenue (J.A & L.A) Division dated 19-12-2014.

Therefore, a Preliminary Notification has been issued for the land acquisition works as shown below, with the details of the land area of Ac. 14.31 1/2 Gts situated at Narayanapur village of Gangadhara Mandal of Karimnagar district.

SCHEDULE
Village: Narayanpur, Mandal: Gangadhara, District: Karimnagar

Sl.No	Type of land (Dry, Wet, etc.)	Area under acquisition in Hectares	Name (s) of Pattadar (s) with Father's / Husband's Name	Details of structures, trees etc
1	2	3	4	5
2	Patta/Dry	0.15	Bongani Lachiah (Lingiah) Babu Sayebu (Nallagondiah)	-
3	Patta/Dry	0.03	Bongani Lachiah (Lingiah) Houses (House Sites) Babu Sayebu (Nallagondiah)	-
19	Patta/Dry	0.06	Gurram Venkataava (Ellagoud)	-
20	Patta/Dry	0.12	Sunke Narsiah (Elliah)	-
21	Patta/Dry	0.14	Meneni Venkata Ramana (Narsinga Rao) Jada Beeraiah (Komuriah) Jada Pochiah (Komuriah) Jada Rajiah (Komuriah) Kota Srinivas (Gangamrahi) Irrigation Projects	-
22	Patta/Dry	0.15	Meneni Ranga Rao (Satyanarayana Rao) Meneni Narsinga Rao (Satyanarayana Rao)	-
37	Patta/Dry	0.29	Kota Shyam Sunder (Gangamrahi) Gudla Kutthia (Thirupathi) Irrigation Projects	-
38	Patta/Dry	0.15	Jada Malliah (Jada Pochiah)	-
39	Patta/Dry	0.27	Pottala Veeramanna (Lingiah) Pottala Aniah (Rajamalliah) Manda Beeraiah (Lachiah) Pottala Ramiah (Rajamalliah) Eru Komuriah (Hammamthi) Agarla Mallesham (Bhumiah)	-
40	Patta/Dry	0.16	Sunke Elliah (Elliah)	-
116	Govt	0.18	Chimula Elliah (Malliah) Chintalathadum Malliah (Malliah) Sunke Chandraiah (Elliah) Chimula Hamaiah (Malliah) Chimula Mahankali (Malliah) Govt lands	-
117	Patta/Dry	0.08	Sunke Shankarraiah (Ragiah)	-
118	Govt	0.05	Sunke Shankarraiah (Ragiah) Govt lands	-
322	Patta/Dry	0.12	Sunke Pedda Veeriah (Elliah) Parlapelli Durgamma (Shankar) Chenu Ravinder (Venkat) Sunke Durgiah (Shankar)	-
337	Patta/Dry	0.07	Chintalathadum Malliah (Mahankali) Paruputhalla Bakkaiah (Narsiah)	-
339	Patta/Dry	1.06	Kothapalli Sathiah (Laxmeerajam) Kothapalli Srinivas (Laxmeerajam) Savilla Madulu (Malliah)	-
340	Patta/Dry	0.24	Paruputhalla Ramiah (Narsiah)	-
341	Patta/Dry	0.15	Government lands Irrigation Projects	-
342	Patta/Dry	0.18	Chintalathadum Komuriah (Elliah) Chintalathadum Malliah (Mahankali) Government lands Irrigation Projects	-
346	Govt	0.06	Government lands	--
458	Patta/Dry	0.30	Small water channel	-
459	Patta/Dry	0.30	Meneni Hamaiah Rao (Rajagopal Rao) Peddalla Malliah (Rajamalliah) Irrigation Projects	-
459	Patta/Dry	0.30	Gunti Rajam (Devaiah) Bellapu Narsiah (Malliah) Kalakunta Lassamma Peddalla Ramulu (Malliah) Peddalla Rajesham (Malliah) Peddalla Malliah (Rajamalliah) Govt lands	-
460	Patta/Dry	0.03	Kundunapalli Rajamma (Lachireddy) Gunti Devaiah (Malliah) Nalla Muralidhar Reddy (Manohar Reddy) Staff and workmen (Yama Santhosh) Irrigation Projects	-
501	Patta/Dry	0.34	Peddalla Malliah (Rajamalliah) Mirupala Alash/Mondaiah (Mirupala Srinivas) Irrigation Projects	-
504	Govt	0.34	Government lands	-
505	Patta/Dry	0.12	Kallam Vijaya Laxmi (Mahipal Reddy) Irrigation Projects	-
506	Govt/KK	0.16	Bejanki Bondalah Thodeti Maisiah M. Thulasamma Government lands	-
Total		14.31 1/2		

This notification is hereby given to all whom it may concern in accordance with the provisions of Section 11(1) of "The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Act No.30/2013)".

A plan of the lands may be inspected in the office of the District Collector, Karimnagar/Special Deputy Collector, LAI and R&R, Irrigation Projects, Karimnagar on any working day during the working hours. As per Section 12 of the said Act, the Government of Telangana/Collector, Karimnagar authorized the Special Deputy Collector, LAI and R&R, Irrigation Projects, Karimnagar / Tahsildar, Gangadhara and his staff and workmen to enter upon and survey land, take levels of any land, dig or bore into the sub-soil & do all other acts required for the proper execution of their work.

If coal mines, iron ore, slate or other mineral resources are present on the land or a particular part thereof, only the portions of land required for the construction of the project phase shall be excavated, removed or used.

Under section 11(4) of the said Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e. sale/ purchase, etc., or create any encumbrances on notified land from the date of publication of such notification without prior approval of the Collector. Objections to the acquisition, if any, on the matter mentioned in the section 11 (1) of this Act before the District Collector, Karimnagar / Land Acquisition Officer / Special Deputy Collector, LAI and R&R, Irrigation Projects, Karimnagar may be filed by the person interested within sixty (60) days from the date of publication of this notification.

Sd/-
Land Acquisition Officer & Special Deputy Collector, Karimnagar
Sd/-
Additional Collector, Karimnagar
Sd/-
District Collector, Karimnagar
DIPR R.O. No.: 540/LA/PP-Publication/2026-27

REGIONAL OFFICE : KHAMMAM

5-7-H19 & 20, Opp. Janpahad Dargah, Chervu Bazar, Khammam-507002.

NOTE TO CLIENTS

This is to inform our customers that the below mentioned Financial Inclusion branches have been converted into Fixed BC Points and hence the IFSC Code of the following branches has been changed as follows from 13-09-2026.

1. Markode (UBIN0831255) to Allapalli (UBIN0823341)
2. Tirumalakunta (UBIN0831263) to Aswaraopet (UBIN0800163)
3. Karukoda (UBIN0831280) to Kothagudem (UBIN0803154)
4. Penagadapa (UBIN0831298) to Rudrampur (UBIN0804835)
5. Asupaka (UBIN0831301) to Vinayakapuram (UBIN0805891)

Notice to All Customers.

Dt:12-08-2026 Sd/- Regional Head, Khammam

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT II)

1st Floor, Triveni Complex, Hyderabad-500001

Case No.TA.No.02 of 2026
Summons under sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993

Union Bank of India, Bhagya Nagar Colony Branch Vs

1.Mr Pulakhandam Ama Rammohan, Flat No.101, First Floor H/No 4-35-487, Plot No.35, Arundhathi Nilayam, Bala Krishna Nagar, Kukatpally, Medchal-Malkajgiri District-500072. ...Defendant

SUMMONS
Whereas, TA No.02 of 2026 Now as listed before Hon'ble Registrar on 05.08.2026. Whereas, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue Summons/Notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs.91,16,751.20 Pa (Rupees Ninety-One Lakh Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-One Rupees and Twenty Paise Only).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, you the defendants are directed as under:-

- i. To show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;
- ii. To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;
- iii. You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;
- iv. You shall not transferred by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and / or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial no. 3A of the Original Application without prior approval of the Tribunal;
- v. You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the Bank or Financial Institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before registrar on 25-09-2026 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 05th Day of August 2026.

Registrar,
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of Arcil-Trust-2026-007 ("Arcil") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) ("Said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) of the Said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Said Rules") issued a demand notice dated 07/08/2025 calling upon the borrower(s) Laxmi Prasanna Tent House, Piskie Ramesh, Piskie Hemalatha, the guarantor(s) and the Mortgagor (s) under the Loan No. FEDSIDSTL0493886 to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being the sum of Rs. 17,91,307.19/- (Rupees Seventeen Lacs Ninety One Thousand Three Hundred Seven and Paise Nineteen Only) as on 07.08.2025 in respect of the said loan facility with further interest in the contractual rate from 08.08.2025 till payment /realization , within 60 days from the receipt of the said notice.

The borrower (s)/guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the said amounts, notice is hereby given to the borrower /guarantor(s) mortgagor(s) in particular and in the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the secured assets described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 07th day of August 2026.

The borrower (s)/guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the below mentioned secured assets and any dealings with the secured assets will be subject to the charge of Arcil for a sum Rs. 18,89,524.59/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Four and Fifty Nine Paise Only) as on 02.07.2026 in respect of the facility with the further interest at the contractual rate from 03.07.2026 till payment /realisation, together with all the incidental costs, charges and expenses incurred.

The borrower(s) /guarantor(s) mortgagor(s) attention is invited to the provisions of the sub-section (8) of the section 13 of the said act , in respect of time available to redeem the below mentioned secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSETS

Property Details -
All that the Dismantle G.P House bearing No. 5-134/ (Southern Part), Now in the Shape of Open Plot in Sy. No. 10), in G.P. Block No. 5, admeasuring an extent of 337.7 Sq. Yards or equivalent to 282.35 Sq. Mtrs. Situated at Raipet Village and Mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District, Reg. Sub-District Yadagrigutta, Regn. Dist. Nalgonda, and the said property is bounded as under: North: House No. 5-134/ (Northern Part) now purchased by Kasoji Sitaramulu South: 30'Wide Road East: House of Boga Chakrapani West: 12 Wide Road

Place: Telangana **Authorized Officer,**
Date: 07/08/2026 **For Asset Reconstruction Company (India)Limited**
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DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, HYDERABAD -2

Need to Rethink Social Sciences Professor Sujata Patel Calls for Greater Focus on Everyday Social Realities at GITAM Samvaad



Visakhapatnam (TSIT) There is an urgent need to move beyond centuries of foreign intellectual dominance in the social sciences and reshape them to reflect the everyday experiences and realities of ordinary people, said Professor Sujata Patel, former professor at the University of Hyderabad and eminent sociologist. She was speaking at a ‘Samvaad’ lecture organised by the Department of Humanities and Social

Sciences at GITAM Deemed University on Wednesday. Professor Patel said theories that originated in Europe and North America should not be treated as universal standards for understanding societies across the world. She explained how British colonial rule had a profound impact on Indian society and artificially divided it into two spheres—the public sphere involving economic, political and commercial

transactions, and the private or traditional sphere comprising caste, religion, tribes and family structures.

She said this artificial classification portrayed India as a backward society trapped in ancient traditions and obscured the lived experiences of Indians. As a result, India was often misunderstood as a society incapable of achieving modernity on its own. Professor Patel observed that blindly

adopting Western research models often creates limitations in understanding local social realities. She called upon researchers, students and citizens to develop a “peripheral gaze” to overcome centuries of intellectual dependence. The approach, she explained, seeks to understand the world through the lived struggles, achievements and historical experiences of people in Asia, Africa and Latin America—the Global South—rather than relying exclusively on Western standards. True intellectual freedom, she emphasised, lies in understanding local histories and cultures on their own terms and building new social sciences based on public struggles and the experiences of ordinary people beyond the boundaries of universities.

AP’s AI-Driven Tax Administration Sets National Benchmark GST Council Officials Praise Andhra Pradesh Reforms; Suggest Model for Other States

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh’s AI-driven tax administration initiatives have received appreciation from senior officials of the GST Council Secretariat, who described the State’s reforms as pioneering and said they could serve as a model for the Centre and other States. GST Council Secretariat Additional Secretary Pankaj Kumar Singh, IDAS, and Joint Secretary D.P. Mishra, IRS, visited the Andhra Pradesh Commercial Taxes Department (APCTD) on August 10 and called on Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on August 11 as part of their two-day visit. The dele-



gation, led by Chief Commissioner of State Tax Babu A, IAS, reviewed the Department’s AI-based systems and witnessed live demonstrations of technology-enabled return scrutiny, audits, inspections, investigation and legal case management.

The officials were also briefed on AI-enabled dashboards and the use of GST data for real-time economic analysis, including GSDP-related assessment, reflecting Andhra Pradesh’s focus on Real Time Governance. During their visit to the Vijayawada-1 Division, the officials observed

live demonstrations of AI-driven investigation and legal case handling. They also visited the GST Suvidha Kendra, reviewed taxpayer services and interacted with departmental officers and taxpayers. At their meeting with the Chief Minister, the GST Council Secretariat officials appreciated APCTD’s efforts to strengthen tax administration and improve revenue mobilisation through AI. They observed that Andhra Pradesh’s level of innovation in AI-based tax administration could provide a valuable reference for the Government of India and other State Governments.

Srivari Seva ‘Train the Trainers’ Second Phase Completed in 43 Days

Tirumala, 12 August 2026: Following the call given by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu, to further strengthen Srivari Seva and provide quality services to the devotees, TTD’s Public Relations Department, with the cooperation of the Planning Department of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, successfully completed the second phase of the Srivari Seva “Train the Trainers” programme on Wednesday after 43 days of training in Tirumala. The second phase of the programme commenced on July 01. A total of 1,888 Group Supervisors from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra and other Hindi Speaking states participated in the training. Including the first phase, nearly 3,000 Group Supervisors have so far received training.

Aim to Enhance Quality of Seva
The main objective of this programme is to enhance the service skills, spirit of service, discipline, leadership qualities and communication skills of Srivari Seva volunteers. The trained supervisors will provide pre-Tirumala training to Srivari Seva volunteers registered online in their respective mandals and districts before they arrive at Tirumala. This initiative will help improve the quality of service, dedication and responsible conduct of volunteers and enable them to provide efficient, disciplined and devotional services to devotees visiting Tirumala.



Comprehensive Training
Faculty members from the TTD Veda Patashala, experts from various TTD departments and other resource persons provided training on the glory of Lord Sri Venkateswara, the significance of Tirumala, its Puranic importance, the significance of rituals and Kainkaryams, the areas of services by Sevaks, CPR, and various other subjects where sevaks could offer enhanced services to devotees.

Field-Level Training at Service Centres
As part of the training, the participants visited various places, including the Laddu Counters, Matrusri Tarigonda Vengamamba Annarasadam Complex, Kalyanakatta, Vaikuntham Queue Complex and Reception areas to know the practical issues in Seva and how to better the service activities. They were given exposure to the services being provided to devotees, the responsibilities of volunteers,

challenges faced in real-time situations and effective ways of addressing such issues. Special Features of the Training Around 200 volunteers were trained in each batch. Every participant was provided with a training kit and a Group Supervisor Training Manual. Spiritual publications brought out by the Hindu Dharma Prachara Parishad, including Govinda Namalu, Bhagavad Gita, Srinivasa Gatha, Vishnu Sahasranamam, Lakshmi Ashtottaram and Lalitha Sahasranamam, were also provided to the participants. Retired Gazetted Officers as Principal Supervisors From August 1 onwards, five retired Gazetted Officers have been deployed as Principal Supervisors to monitor the functioning of the Group Supervisors. They will regularly monitor the services of the Group Supervisors and take necessary measures at the field level to ensure better services to devotees. Some volunteers who were trained

during the first phase were also involved in the second phase of the programme, enabling them to share their practical experiences with other participants. Supervision by Master Trainers The training programme was supervised by former Associate Professor of the National Cooperative Training Institute (NCTI) under the Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India, and noted HR Consultant Dr. S.L.N.T. Srinivas, TTD Chief Public Relations Officer Dr. T. Ravi, PRO (FAC) Ms. Neelima, and coordinators of the Srivari Seva department. Senior Srivari Seva volunteer Sri Sarath from Tamil Nadu played a key role in designing the training programme for Tamil-speaking regions. The first phase of the Srivari Seva “Train the Trainers” programme commenced in December 01 last year and concluded on February 07 in 2026. A total of around 1,011 Group Supervisors were trained in 10 batches. The first seven batches consisted of volunteers from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, while the final three batches included volunteers from Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Hindi-speaking states. Based on the experience gained during the first phase, a minimum educational qualification of graduation was prescribed for the second phase, and applications were accepted exclusively through the online mode.

World Elephant Day Observed at SV Gosala

Tirupati, August 12, 2026: TTD observed World Elephant Day at SV Gosala in Tirupati on Wednesday by offering special prayers for three female elephants—Lakshmi, Vaishnavi and Padmavathi—which participate in temple processions. The programme was held in the presence of SV Gosala Director Dr. A.V.N. Sivakumar. TTD is providing special care to the elephants that form an integral part of temple traditions, with emphasis on



their health, welfare and overall well-being. The special prayers on World Elephant Day reflected the devotion, respect and

affection of devotees towards the temple elephants. Gosala officials and staff participated in the programme.



Tirupati District Collector Dr. S. Venkateswar inspected the papaya crop in Maravaripalli village under Upparapalli Panchayat of Railway Koduru Mandal and interacted with the local farmers.

Sri Chakrathalwar Sattumora Held Grandly at Govindaraja Swamy Temple

Tirupati: The Sri Chakrathalwar Sattumora and Sri Prativadi Bhayanakaram Annan Sattumora were held with devotion and grandeur at Sri Govindaraja Swamy Temple in Tirupati on Wednesday. As part of the celebrations, Sri Varadaraja Swamy, along with His consorts, and Sri Prativadi Bhayanakaram Annan were taken in a grand procession from Sri Lakshmi Narayana Swamy Temple through

the four Mada streets from 8 am to 9.30 am, blessing devotees along the route. From 9.30 am to 10 am, Appapadi Prasadam from the Tirumala Srivari Temple was brought in a procession from Sri Kodandarama Swamy Temple to Sri Lakshmi Narayana Swamy Temple, where Sattumora rituals were performed. In the evening, Sri Govindaraja Swamy, along with Sri Devi and Bhu Devi, and Sri

Chakrathalwar were taken in a procession through the four Mada streets from 4 pm to 5.30 pm for the darshan of devotees. This was followed by the procession of Sri Andal Amnavaru. Deputy EO Smt. V.R. Shanthi, AEO Sri A.B. Narayana Chowdary, Superintendent Sri Chiranjeevi, Temple Inspector Sri Dhananjaya, temple priests, staff and a large number of devotees participated in the celebrations.

Tirumala: 25 researchers and scholars to participate in three-day spiritual and research seminar A three-day national seminar on the spiritual contributions of Sri Vaishnava Acharyas will be held at Annamacharya Kalamandiram, Tirupati, from August 17 to 19, under the aegis of TTD’s Alwar Divya Prabandha Project. The seminar will focus on the lives and spiritual contributions of Sri Ramanuja, Acharya Pundarikaksha, Sri Govinda Bhattar

National Seminar on Spiritual Contributions of Sri Vaishnava Acharyas from August 17–19

(Embar) and Sri Dasarathi (Mudaliandan), their propagation of Visishtadvaita philosophy, and their role in preserving temple traditions and practices. 25 Scholars from Four States Twenty-five researchers and scholars from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka will participate and present research papers. Discussions will focus on the contribution of these Acharyas to the growth and preservation of the Sri

Vaishnava tradition. To Begin with Mangala Sasanam by Jeeyar Swamiji The seminar will commence at 10 am on August 17 with the Mangala Sasanam of Tirumala Pedda Jeeyar Swamiji and Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji. Sessions will be held from 10 am to 1 pm and 2 pm to 5.45 pm on all three days. Spiritual Contributions of the Acharyas Acharya Pundarikaksha, belonging to the lineage of Sri Nathamuni, played a significant role in systematis-

ing and promoting the recitation of the Nalayira Divya Prabandham in Vaishnava Divya Desams, a tradition that continues to this day. Sri Ramanuja and Sri Govinda Bhattar (Embar) studied together at the Gurukulam at Tirupputkuzhi. Sri Ramanuja later spent a year listening to Sri Ramayana discourses from Tirumala Nambi at Alipiri. He visited Tirumala three times and is traditionally credited with systematising several worship practices and temple

traditions at the Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple. Sri Govinda Bhattar (Embar), a nephew and close disciple of Sri Ramanuja, played an important role in propagating Visishtadvaita philosophy and the teachings of Ramanuja. Sri Dasarathi (Mudaliandan), another nephew of Sri Ramanuja, rendered distinguished service in the administration of Srirangam Temple and in the preservation of the Sri Vaishnava tradition.

Rao, Pallavi Joshi, Prakash Annapure and Laxman

Rao, Pallavi Joshi, Prakash Ammanabolu and Lavakumar Bharatha participated. V. Praveen Kumar, Executive Director and Business Head-Telangana, said the initiative would help business owners exchange ideas, learn from experts and explore opportunities for sustainable growth.

Positive."Telangana State AIDS Control Society Project Director Vidyasagar, Health Department Principal Secretary Christina Z. Chongthu, GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan, Information Department Commissioner Mukund Reddy, senior officials, medical personnel, representatives of voluntary organisations, students and awareness campaigners participated.

A group of nine people, including medical professionals and executives, standing in front of a backdrop featuring logos for AIG Hospitals, Johnson & Johnson MedTech, and Polyphonic. The group consists of seven men and two women. Four of the men are wearing white lab coats, and one man is wearing blue scrubs. The two women are wearing business attire. The backdrop is black with white logos and text. The logos include AIG Hospitals, Johnson & Johnson MedTech, and Polyphonic. The text on the backdrop includes "polyphonic™", "Johnson & Johnson MedTech", and "AIG HOSPITALS".

The collaboration also aligns with AIG Hospitals' larger vision of integrating clinical excellence with academics, research, digital innovation and AI-enabled healthcare solutions. As part of the program, participating users at AIG Hospitals will provide feedback on usability, workflow integration and clinical connectivity, helping inform future applications across surgical specialties and hospital systems.

faiths, which recognise saving human life as a noble act. Awareness about brain death is equally important. Brain death is the complete and irreversible cessation of brain function. With ventilator support, the heart may continue beating temporarily, allowing organs to be donated with the consent of the family. Organ donation begins with a conversation. People willing to donate should inform their families, register as donors and encourage others to participate in awareness programmes. On this International Organ Donation Day, let us remember that even after death, we can give someone else a second chance at life. Let us pledge to become organ donors and offer the greatest gift possible — the gift of life.

Several party leaders and representatives attended the meeting.



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EDITORIAL

Why Akhilesh Yadav Is Suddenly Betting On Brahmins In Uttar Pradesh

In a counter to the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) Dalit card, Akhilesh Yadav is now banking on Brahmins. Setting his eyes on Uttar Pradesh's Brahmins, who account for around 9-11% of the state's population, Akhilesh now claims that the 'P' in his PDA (Picchda, Dalit, Adivasi) bloc stands for 'Pandit'. On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Samajwadi Party's (SP) founding member Janeshwar Mishra, he organised a conference in Lucknow, where most of the Brahmin leaders of the Samajwadi Party were invited. During the meeting, Akhilesh said that Brahmins were being oppressed in Uttar Pradesh, and that his party respects every caste.

Punching Above Their Weight

Brahmins, however, are a small group in Uttar Pradesh in terms of population. In not a single one of the state's 403 assembly constituencies does the Brahmin population cross 50%. In fact, across 403 seats, only seven have a Brahmin population share of over 30%. And yet, no serious political strategist in Lucknow plans an election without a Brahmin outreach plan. That is because the community's power in the state has never come from numbers - it comes from spread, social standing, and, increasingly, from consolidation. Data compiled by VoteVibe shows just how thinly the Brahmin population is spread across Uttar Pradesh: 212 seats have a population of under 10%, and another 149 fall between 10-20%. Only 42 seats have over 20% Brahmin population. On paper, this should make Brahmins marginal players in a state where caste arithmetic dominates every ticket-distribution meeting. But narrow the lens, and you find that a staggering 97 out of 403 seats have Brahmin populations that exceed 15%. In India's caste-conscious electoral culture, this is critical enough to swing a close contest. In effect, thus, the community can influence the results of almost one-fourth of the state's assembly.

SP's Stronghold To BJP's Fortress

In 2012, these 97 'Brahmin-influenced' seats were effectively Samajwadi Party territory. The party won 55 of them - more than half. The BSP took 19, the BJP managed a modest 12, and the Congress held on to seven. Five years later, that map was unrecognisable. In 2017, the BJP swept 87 of the same 97 seats - a sevenfold jump. The SP was reduced to three, the BSP to five, and the Congress was shut out entirely. The 2022 election saw a slight correction: the BJP's tally eased to 72, while the SP recovered to 21, but the broader picture held. The BJP remains the dominant force in seats where Brahmins carry weight, by a margin no other party has come close to challenging since 2017.

A Different Story

Seat counts reflect outcomes, but the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies' post-poll surveys reveal the underlying shift in loyalty. In 1996, the peak of the Ram Mandir-era Hindutva consolidation, as many as 71% of Brahmin voters backed the BJP. That support then went into steady decline through the Mandal-and-after years: 49% in 2002, 39% in 2007, bottoming out at 38% in 2012, as Mayawati's BSP courted upper-caste voters through its "social engineering" strategy and pulled a large share of the Brahmin vote away from the BJP. Then came the reversal.

A few weeks ago, a 22-year-old growth marketer who dropped out of his engineering programme went viral on X for claiming he now earns nearly ₹4.86 lakh a month, arguing that an IIT degree is "just a tag". The post reignited a debate that has been simmering in Indian classrooms and comment sections alike: is a degree - even one from the country's most coveted institutions - still a launchpad, or has it become a legacy people cling to out of habit? While Gen Z's aspirations around work are shifting faster than the job market can keep up with, most discussions tend to look at the employment side of the equation - that is, what happens after the degree. The more uncomfortable question sits one step earlier: what is actually happening with higher education that seems to be setting so many young people up for disappointment. The Expansion Paradox India's higher education structure has grown at a tremendous pace, which would have seemed quite unimaginable a generation ago. According to the AISHE 2021-22 survey of the Ministry of Education, the total enrolment touched approximately 4.33 crore students in 2021-22, up from a mere 3.42 crore in 2014-15. A jump of about 91 lakh within a decade. Additionally, the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) - which measures the share of the college-going age group in higher education - grew to 28.4% from 23.7%. Even female enrolment has grown at a fast pace. The Gender Parity Index has stayed above 1 for a consecutive five years. This simply means that a higher proportion of young women are enrolling in college than young men, which is remarkable. On paper, this looks like unambiguous progress. But a closer look will reveal that the composi-



tion of that growth is where the trouble begins. Within undergraduate enrolment, Arts remains the single largest stream at 34.2%, followed by Science (14.8%) and Commerce (13.3%), with Engineering and Technology trailing at 11.8%. That is not inherently a problem - a country doesn't need everyone in STEM. But it becomes one when you place it next to what the labour market is actually rewarding. The India Skills Report of 2026 has found that overall graduate employability stands at 55%, but it encompasses a steep gradient by stream. While Computer Science and IT engineering graduates have an employability of 78-80%, for core engineering, it falls to 70%, polytechnic diploma holders are placed at 32.9%, and ITI graduates at under 46%. A more conservative assessment by Mercer-Mettl India Graduate Skill Index of 2025, which tested over a million students across 2,700 campuses, claims that overall employa-

bility stands at merely 42.6%, with soft-skill readiness, such as critical thinking and communication, lagging further behind technical readiness. Even within engineering, the stream everyone sees as "safe", the expansion has outrun demand in a very specific way. While there was an increased intake in Computer Science and AI programmes, this pulled students away from core branches. The AICTE closed 58 engineering and technical colleges in the 2025-26 academic year alone and discontinued more than 950 technical courses. This was largely because these institutions could not attract enough students or retain qualified faculty. This follows an earlier wave in which the Education Ministry told Parliament that 5.62 lakh engineering seats had been cut or surrendered since 2019. India isn't short of graduates. It is short of graduates whose training matches what a fast-changing, increasingly AI-augmented job market wants -

and the system is only now, reactively, beginning to correct a decade of supply built on assumption rather than demand. When Even the Top of the Pyramid Cracks If the expansion paradox explains what's happening to the "mass" of Indian higher education, the IIT placement data explains why even the top of the pyramid is starting to feel unstable - and why a post from a college dropout could strike such a nerve. For years, an IIT seat was treated as a guarantee: clear the JEE, and the job (and the salary) would take care of itself. That assumption is fraying. RTI data compiled from multiple IITs paints a consistent picture over the last two placement seasons. At IIT Delhi, only 61% of students had secured jobs as of the 2024-25 cycle, leaving nearly 738 students without offers at that point. At IIT Gandhinagar, 59% of registered students were yet to be placed in the same season, even as average salaries for those who did get placed kept

climbing. At IIT Tirupati, the figure was 46% unplaced, and IIT Indore reported 44% still unplaced with salary packages down compared to the year before. Across several IITs - Dharwad, ISM Dhanbad, Hyderabad, BHU, Ropar, Indore, Kharagpur - roughly 30-40% of registered students had not found jobs by the final weeks of the placement season. This is not a cyclical blip. The reasons are structural and layered: a global tech hiring slowdown after pandemic-era over-hiring, the entry of generative AI tools into exactly the kind of routine coding and analytical work that used to absorb fresh graduates, and a shift in employer preference away from broad, generalist engineering graduates towards very specific, applied skill sets in AI, data, and automation. An IIT tag still opens doors that other degrees don't, and the aggregate salary numbers coming out of these campuses remain enviable by any national standard. But the floor has

become unpredictable in a way it never used to be, which is precisely what has made "Is the IIT degree still worth it?" a legitimate question. This is the throughline connecting the two data sets. If a Tier-1 institution with the country's most rigorous entrance filter cannot guarantee outcomes anymore, the problem isn't really about which college a student attends - it's about a certification-heavy system, at every tier, that hasn't rebuilt its relationship with a labour market that has fundamentally changed. The Way Forward The instinct in Indian policy conversations has long been to treat rising GER and rising enrolment numbers as the finish line. They aren't. They are the starting point for a much harder conversation about what happens during those four (or five) years. A few shifts would matter more than any single new scheme. Publish outcomes, not just intake: Placement data at most institutions, IITs included, currently reaches the public mainly through RTI requests filed by individual alumni - not proactive disclosure. Additionally, mandatory, standardised, third party-audited placement and higher-study outcome reporting across all AISHE-registered institutions, not just the IITs and IIMs, would let prospective students make decisions based on evidence rather than brand recall. Let curriculum follow demand, not vice versa: The AICTE seat-vacancy data shows regulators are already course-correcting reactively after the mismatch has hurt a cohort of students. A tighter feedback loop between AICTE and UGC intake approvals and live employability data could make this correction pre-emptive instead of retrospective.

Kashmir's Pellet Survivors Describe What Happens After the Pellets Stop Flying

Pulwama, Shopian: When the pellet guns were used at Jantar Mantar in July, Mohammad Ashraf couldn't sleep. He was taken back to August 28, 2016. "I swear to Allah, I did not sleep a wink that night when I heard about pellet guns fired in Delhi," he said. Those days in 2016, Kashmir had erupted in protests after the killing of the militant Burhan Wani. Ashraf had been struck by a bullet during one such protest. Once he was discharged from the hospital, he was bed-ridden at home in his village, Rahmoo in Pulwama district, with 90 stitches across his chest. About two weeks later, the Special Operations Group and Rashtriya Rifles 'raided' Rahmoo. Ashraf thinks they came because people had put up a poster of Burhan Wani in the village. "The forces came at around 11:30 am on August 28. They broke the window panes of the masjid, and there were skirmishes and stone pelting. I was still very weak from the bullet injury, so my friends took me to an orchard 1.5 km away from my house, thinking I would be safe there," said Ashraf. Just when Ashraf thought the soldiers might leave soon, one of them found him, still under a tree, at 3:30 pm. "He showered a volley of pellets into my torso from five or six feet away," he said. Ashraf passed out and woke up two days later in a Srinagar hospital. "Even if I was offered the whole world or else a ban on pellet guns, I'd still choose the latter," he said. "My bullet injury healed over time. But pellet injuries never heal. Permanently lodged in my body, they have left me unfit



for work, unable to be in the sunlight for long or play any sports, walk or even rest. And worse than the physical impact has been their effect on the mind of survivors," he said. "I used to zip around these hills on my motorcycle. After the pellets, I cannot ride faster than 20 kmph," he said. He has almost entirely lost his sight. What frightened Ashraf about the news from Delhi was not only that pellet guns had been used against protesters, but that it might become routine. He had seen that happen in Kashmir. At least eight in his village were injured by pellets on the same day as he was, three of them women. Those days, doctors across Kashmir struggled to handle the load of patients arriving with pellet injuries. Many who came for follow-up visits waited for hours to be examined. At one such hospital visit, Ashraf became friends with a boy from Kupwara who had also been injured by pellets. One night in 2017, the boy called him from Zero Bridge in Srinagar. He was about to jump. "I was on the phone with him until 4

am, mai usko manaata raha - I kept convincing him not to jump," Ashraf said. That night, he promised the boy, and himself, that he would do all he could to help pellet survivors. Ashraf had once played volleyball, kabaddi and cricket. Now, when he watches his friends play, he said, "I feel as if I got the pellet injury today, not ten years ago." "I have no problem with the bullet injury," he said. "Jo roz mujhey yaad aata hai, ek baar nahi hazar baar, woh hai pellet injury (I remember the pellet strike a thousand times a day)." "Because pellet injuries never heal," he said. "What a normal guy takes 10 minutes to do, a pellet survivor takes five days," he said. "I am a burden on my family but I don't want to be one." Ashraf's family spent roughly Rs 8-9 lakh on his treatment, which included nine surgeries, selling part of their land and from their savings. He lost his job as a manager at Airtel and now works in the fields, against doctors' advice to avoid prolonged sunlight. What Delhi does not understand about pellet guns is how

people around the survivors began treating them differently, Ashraf said. When a handful of victims received compensation in Kashmir, their neighbours would assume: inko paisay mil gaye - they got money for their injuries. "If today any pellet victim does not talk to the media, the biggest reason is their padosi (neighbour)," he said. Delhi also doesn't know that pellet victims do not like the outdoors. "We avoid noisy places, we stay at home, alone. Pellet survivors tanha rehna pasand karte hain - we prefer to isolate ourselves," he said. Helping victims of pellet guns became Ashraf's sole preoccupation in the months after his injuries. He started an association of survivors in 2017. He says he documented 1,632 cases of pellet injuries, including 92 people who had lost the use of both eyes. He wanted compensation, state assistance for them. "Not every family has fields they can sell to seek medical care," he said. But in 2019, the police and security agencies started troubling him with frequent visits.

—Dr. Priyanka Saurabh

Death is unknown when, where, and how it will come. In our lives, even as the seemingly ordinary are increasingly fraught with dangers, the extraordinary are rife with potholes. Roads are riddled with potholes, uneven roads and streets, unsealed drains, unopened sewer manholes, and damaged roads and bridges. In some areas, school roofs collapse on children, while hospital roofs or slabs collapse on patients and staff. School buses overturn, vehicles coming from the opposite direction suddenly swerve, turning streets into death traps for children. Animals roam the streets and harass elderly pedestrians. After heavy rains, children become stranded on a normal road, turning it into a death trap. The death of an eight-year-old boy in Rohtak, who drowned in waterlogging after nearly six inches of rain, has once again raised a worrying question: What is the value of a citizen's life? The monsoon season comes once a year. Cities are flooded every year. Drainage and sewerage systems, drains, and roads remain a perennial problem. Officials claim they are prepared and improvements are made every year. However, just a few hours of rain are enough to expose the truth of these claims, as administrations fail to manage them, and rainwater overflows onto the roads. This isn't just a case of one child's death. This is a system where preventable tragedies are often dismissed as accidents, mere coincidences, "fate," and the blame is placed "elsewhere." This is a system where preventable

tragedies are often dismissed as "an accident." "It wasn't our fault," or "What else could we have done?" It's not just the failure of civic infrastructure, but the manner in which it's failing that's deeply worrying. The change is that citizens now accept failure as natural. There's a pothole in the road, and people say it's "always been there." There's a pothole on the sidewalk, and people say, "Be careful." There's waterlogging, and people say, "This happens after rain." Cattle are straying on the road, and people say, "What can anyone do?" A school building is clearly unsafe, and people think the authorities should address it. There's a government hospital in poor condition, and people say, "This is how government hospitals are." This attitude is dangerous because it becomes the norm and a way of life. If citizens begin to accept risk as a normal part of their lives, the pressure on the administration to improve also decreases. We must stop treating any preventable tragedy as an accident. When people die because of a pothole that has existed on a road for months, the question isn't just what happened, but why the road remains a hazard. If authorities are aware of an open manhole but fail to take steps to secure it, and a child falls into it, it's not appropriate to call it "misfortune." The unnecessary collapse of a school building shouldn't be considered just a bad incident. The same applies to hospital safety, the condition of school buses, bridge maintenance, drainage systems, and road quality, as well as stray animal control in schools. These are not administrative

matters, but matters of public safety and people's lives. But the tragedy of our public discourse is that we repeatedly turn a blind eye to these real questions. Any statement with a religious connotation can spark outrage in society. This results in thousands of social media posts, hours of TV studio debates, and political rhetoric. Issues of hurt sentiments, identity, and national honor are discussed. However, the sustained public outrage over accountability for the death of such a child is missing. Why? Does religious controversy diminish the value of an ordinary person's life? Is a child drowning in an open sewer merely local news? Is the death of a farmer, laborer, elderly person, or student on an unsafe road merely a matter of misfortune? Does it seem that challenging the country to demand answers from the government is forcing it to respond to their demands? Absolutely not. The government is accountable to the public. People pay taxes and expect safe roads, clean cities, quality healthcare, safe schools, efficient transportation, and basic civic infrastructure. These are not luxuries. They are fundamental factors necessary for a dignified life. Patriotism is not an excuse to conceal any government mistakes. Nationalism does not mean labeling everyone who exposes the country's shortcomings as anti-national. A responsible citizen is one who wants to see the country progress and therefore raises tough questions. Not demanding the repair of a broken road is not anti-national. Demanding that an unsafe school be made safe is not an

insult to the nation. Not questioning the safety of a hospital is not anti-establishment. Any criticism of corruption and administrative negligence is not evidence of a foreign conspiracy. Unfortunately, serious civic issues are becoming divided between political camps. Praising the government is labeled patriotism, while any criticism is labeled opposition or negative voices. Negativity threatens democracy because it leads to a lack of criticism and accountability, essential elements of good governance. The media also plays a major role in this. It is not just a platform to celebrate successes; it should also examine areas where ordinary citizens suffer due to government mismanagement. We all know how much time television channels devote to political debates. They could also devote meaningful time to other issues like road safety, failing drainage systems, school infrastructure, hospital buildings, and civic services. The true nature of a city is not reflected in advertisements or official statements; it is revealed on its streets when it rains. Development isn't just about building. Maintenance is also a crucial component. Road construction isn't enough; ensuring road safety is essential. Bridge construction isn't enough; regular inspections are essential. Constructing drains is important, but their cleanliness and safety are also essential. Building schools isn't enough; the safety of children in schools is crucial. We can't completely prevent accidents, but many tragedies caused by negligence can be avoided. Accountability is essential for this.

E20 Ethanol Blending Is Biggest Oil Scam, Says Dr. Anand Kumar

Bengaluru : Mixing 20% ethanol in petrol without conducting scientific experiments is the biggest scam in the country, and this will lead to the collapse of the country's transportation system. Along with a reduction in vehicle mileage, there is a fear that crores of vehicles may break down and remain stranded, criticized Dr. Anand Kumar, AICC SC Department National Coordinator and Maharashtra In-charge.

The sale of ethanol-blended petrol will cause irreversible damage. It is adversely affecting the transportation sector, which provides employment to a large number of people. Even after ethanol blending, petrol prices have not decreased. A situation has been created where "the same price, but less distance" is the reality, and thousands of crores of rupees from the people of the country are going into the pockets of oil companies. The performance of crores of vehicles will decline and they may break down. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari is directly responsible for this. This is also why Mechanical



Engineering courses are now witnessing huge demand. Experimenting with ethanol on the common people is not right. He demanded that anxious drivers and vehicle owners be provided compensation of Rs.1 lakh under a special package.

Vehicle owners are concerned about the immediate adverse effects of ethanol rather than its long-term effects. There has been widespread anger against ethanol in North India, and its impact is now being felt in the South. Two-wheeler, car, auto and other vehicle drivers are worried: What will happen to our vehicle engines? Who will be responsible if they break down and stop working? There are concerns about the problems that may arise in older or non-E20-compatible engines. He said that protecting the environment is being used as an excuse, while the government is directly putting a burden on the pockets of the people.

While it is being projected as "green fuel," ordinary vehicle owners are the ones bearing the burden of this green policy, he said.

In older vehicles, ethanol may affect rubber pipes, gaskets and plastic components. It may lead to fuel leakage, corrosion and increased maintenance costs. It is not right to conduct experi-

ments on ordinary people in the name of environmental protection. The environment must be protected, the lifespan of vehicles must be increased, and the economic condition of the people should not deteriorate. A people-friendly fuel policy should balance all these objectives. However, Dr. Anand Kumar criticized that the sudden implementation of the E20 policy has completely ignored the interests of ordinary people.

Financial assistance should be provided for converting vehicles that are not compatible with E20. If consumer interests are not protected, ordinary vehicle users may end up paying a heavy price in the name of the "ethanol revolution." Considering all vehicles in the same manner for compensation is not scientifically appropriate. The success of the ethanol policy does not depend merely on the level of blending; it should depend on scientific research, vehicle technology, consumer confidence and transparent implementation, he said.

Cong Labour Cell seeks Regional Passport Office in Dakshina Kannada amid rising overseas travel

Mangaluru, Aug 12: Dakshina Kannada District Congress Labour Cell president Lawrence D'Souza has urged the Union Ministry of External Affairs to establish a Regional Passport Office (RPO) in Dakshina Kannada, citing the growing workload at the city's Passport Seva Kendra amid the increasing number of people travelling abroad for employment and education.

Speaking at a press conference at the office of the Dakshina Kannada District Congress Lawrence D'Souza said the district's geographical spread, population, increasing number of passport applicants and the need for accessible public services made the establishment of a regional passport office neces-



sary. He said an RPO in Dakshina Kannada would make passport-related administrative services easier and more efficient for people across the coastal region.

D'Souza also demanded the establishment of additional Passport Seva Kendras in eight coastal and Malnad districts, including Udupi, Uttara Kannada, Shivamogga, Chikkamagaluru and Kodagu. He said people

currently have to travel long distances to access passport services, and district-level centres would help save both time and money. He urged the Ministry of External Affairs to constitute a committee to conduct a comprehensive feasibility study on establishing an RPO in Dakshina Kannada.

The study, he said, should examine data from the past five years, including the number of new passports issued, renewal applications received, Tatkal passports issued, applications sent for police verification, pending applications and the average time taken to process applications from Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Kodagu, Chikkamagaluru and neighbouring districts.

Demand for investigation against Mohan Bhagwat for making statements for political gain

Bengaluru: KPCC General Secretary S. Manohar has demanded an immediate investigation into the statements of Mohan Bhagwat, the head of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, who has made such statements for political gain.

Speaking at a protest organized by the Congress in this regard, he alleged that the RSS, the pillar of the Bharatiya Janata Party, is following every instruction given by this organization and is a part of the BJP and the central government's program.

The central government recently accepted the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan, who was already the education minister, due to the NEET question paper leak. Now, the youth are taking to the streets and protesting against the central government and Prime Minister Narendra Modi in



the entire country. The statement made by the RSS chief in such a situation is very interesting, he said.

BJP leaders who say that if anyone mentions the name of Pakistan in the country, they are traitors and send them to Pakistan, today when the RSS chief shows love for Pakistan, why are BJP leaders and blind devotees not raising their voices against him has now given rise to suspicion, he said.

The central government

should immediately consider Mohan Bhagwat's statement seriously and investigate it. Since Mohan Bhagwat has mentioned the issue of developing friendship with Pakistan, there is a lot of political strategy hidden in his statement, he said, and protests have been held against Mohan Bhagwat and the central government, demanding that this be investigated immediately and the truth be brought before the people.

IMIA Proposes Benchmark-Linked Fishmeal Pricing, Cautions Against Export Curbs and Domestic Supply Obligations

Bengaluru : The Indian Marine Ingredients Association (IMIA) has submitted detailed representations to the Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Department of Fisheries, Government of India, in response to proposed policy interventions on the rationalisation of fishmeal for the aquaculture sector, urging a balanced, practical, and non-distortive approach.

IMIA underscored that the fishmeal and fish oil sector is a vital pillar of India's marine economy, circular economy, and export ecosystem. The sector supports domestic aquaculture, generates export earnings, and converts low-value pelagic species, post-harvest losses, and fish-processing by-products into valuable marine ingredi-



ents.

While reaffirming its recognition of domestic aquaculture's importance to India's seafood value chain, the Association cautioned that export restrictions, domestic supply obligations, quota mechanisms, or price interventions could produce unin-

tended consequences across the fishmeal value chain.

"The fishmeal and fish oil sector is deeply interconnected with India's coastal economy, marine resource efficiency, and the future of Indian aquaculture. Any abrupt or distortionary intervention may harm not only industry

stability, but also the livelihoods of millions linked to the small pelagic fishery," said Dr. Sait, President, IMIA.

IMIA noted that the current rise in fishmeal prices is not unique to India but reflects a wider global market trend, with aquaculture

producers worldwide facing elevated fishmeal costs. The Association maintained that the issue should not be addressed through domestic compulsion or trade distortion, and called instead for a focus on long-term expansion of raw material availability, efficiency improvements, and better waste utilisation.

The Association highlighted that the small pelagic fishery supports a large coastal population engaged in harvesting, landing, sorting, drying, transport, auctioning, handling, and processing. According to IMIA, any abrupt policy intervention that weakens price realisation in the fishmeal trade could adversely affect this livelihood chain, particularly vulnerable fishing and allied communities.

DR. BHARGAV MALLAPPA MEETS UNION MSME MINISTER JITAN RAM MANJHI, INVITES HIM TO VISIT SKILL INSTITUTES IN SOUTH INDIA



New Delhi : Dr. Bhargav Mallappa, National Chairman and Founder of the Akhila Sevak Samaj Council (ASSC), met Union MSME Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi in New Delhi and discussed skill development, youth employment and entrepreneurship.

During the meeting, Dr. Mallappa invited Manjhi to visit skill development institutes run under his initiatives in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. He

briefed the Minister on the institutes' efforts to equip young people with practical skills and connect them with employment, entrepreneurship and self-employment opportunities.

Jitan Ram Manjhi also appreciated Dr. Mallappa's work and said he would try to visit the institutes, meet students and understand their work at the grassroots level. Dr. Mallappa also welcomed the Ministry of MSME's efforts to promote

entrepreneurship, skill development and employment generation. He said stronger coordination between grassroots institutions and national initiatives could expand access to skills and livelihood opportunities for young people. The two sides discussed ways to strengthen skill development and create more opportunities for youth to pursue employment and entrepreneurship.

Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy Slams Congress Government's Handling of Cauvery Crisis

New Delhi : The Congress government in Karnataka has repeatedly failed to safeguard the state's interests on the Cauvery issue and has kept its own legal team out of the decision-making process, Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy alleged on Wednesday. Addressing an emergency press conference in New Delhi, Kumaraswamy strongly criticised the state government for failing to adequately consult and respect the senior legal counsel representing Karnataka before the Supreme Court and the Cauvery authorities and committees.

He referred to the meeting of Karnataka MPs convened by Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar at Karnataka Bhavan in New Delhi, where senior counsel Mohan Katarki was reportedly not even provided a chair and subsequently left the meeting. Kumaraswamy said the incident reflected the government's lack of seriousness in handling a matter of such importance. He also criticised the manner in which legal experts were treated at the all-party meeting held subsequently at the Krishna office in Bengaluru.

"The views of our legal experts should have been sought at the very outset. Instead, the government proceeded without adequate legal or technical consultation. This is a clear indication of the lack of foresight and preparedness in the way the Cauvery issue is being handled," Kumaraswamy said.

He questioned how the government could afford to ignore the advice of experienced legal counsel when Karnataka's case before the Supreme Court, the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) and the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) requires careful legal and technical handling.

Congress Government Has Failed to Manage Cauvery Crisis

Kumaraswamy said the Karnataka government had completely failed to effectively manage the Cauvery water crisis, while Tamil Nadu had



remained consistently proactive in pursuing its interests.

The CWMA and CWRC have directed Karnataka to release 12,000 cusecs of water per day to Tamil Nadu for 15 days. Kumaraswamy said Tamil Nadu had been better prepared than Karnataka to deal with the situation.

"Karnataka was expected to begin releasing water from June, but Tamil Nadu approached the Authority as early as May. Instead of strengthening Karnataka's legal position and preparing for the legal battle, the Chief Minister advised farmers in the Cauvery and Krishna basin regions not to cultivate crops. Ultimately, it was our farmers who suffered the losses. Even standing crops were lost due to lack of water," he said. Kumaraswamy said the difference in preparedness between the two states should serve as a wake-up call for Karnataka.

State Failed to Push for Distress-Sharing Formula

On the issue of a distress-sharing formula, Kumaraswamy said neither the Supreme Court nor the Cauvery authorities had so far put such a mechanism in place.

"There has been no order from the Supreme Court on a distress-sharing formula, nor has any concrete action been taken by the Cauvery Committee or the Cauvery Authority. Karnataka

should have been actively pressing for a mechanism to deal with distress situations," he said.

He also questioned the preparedness of D.K. Shivakumar, who had served as Karnataka's Water Resources Minister for three years before becoming Chief Minister.

"Before becoming Chief Minister, D.K. Shivakumar was the Water Resources Minister for three years. What steps did he take during that period to address these issues?" Kumaraswamy asked.

Political Priorities Have Overtaken Cauvery Interests

Kumaraswamy launched a sharp attack on the Chief Minister over what he described as misplaced priorities. "For three years, the focus was on the Chief Minister's chair. After becoming Chief Minister, the focus shifted to Cabinet expansion and portfolio allocation. Today, the Cauvery issue appears to have taken a back seat to political priorities," he said.

He alleged that the Chief Minister was more focused on meeting Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge, K.C. Venugopal and Randeep Singh Surjewala than on pursuing Karnataka's interests on the Cauvery issue.

"Whenever the Chief Minister comes to New Delhi, has he met Karnataka's legal team and discussed

the Cauvery issue? What have Venugopal and Surjewala got to do with Karnataka's Cauvery interests? The state's interests appear to have become secondary to political considerations," Kumaraswamy said.

He accused the Tamil Nadu government of pursuing the Cauvery issue aggressively at both the administrative and legal levels, while alleging that the Karnataka government had failed to match that level of preparedness.

"Whose Money Is Being Spent?" Kumaraswamy Questions Rs.1,000 Crore Allocation

Kumaraswamy also questioned the state government's spending priorities, particularly the allocation of Rs.1,000 crore to organisations associated with the Bharat Jodo campaign.

"Farmers across the Cauvery basin have been unable to cultivate their crops. The government has failed to provide them timely assistance, yet it has the resources to spend Rs.1,000 crore on Bharat Jodo organisations. Whose money is this?" he asked.

He further questioned the government's priorities, pointing out that farmers in Tamil Nadu are able to raise multiple crops while Karnataka's farmers are struggling even to raise a single crop.

"You have time for politics and for acquiring farmers' land, but you have no time for the Cauvery issue. You have time to visit the residences of your party leaders, but not to sit down with senior legal experts and prepare Karnataka's case," Kumaraswamy said.

Government Must Prepare Before the Next Crisis

Kumaraswamy warned the state government against responding to the Cauvery issue only after a crisis had emerged.

"You release water when the reservoirs are full after the rains and wake up only when the reservoirs are depleted and Tamil Nadu makes a demand. This is not how a government should prepare for a recurring

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Himachal levies 60p/litre fuel cess for orphan, widow welfare

Shimla: The Himachal Pradesh government has levied an 'Orphan and Widow Cess' at the rate of 60 paise per litre on petrol and high speed diesel at the point of first sale in the state. The state government issued a notification in this regard on Tuesday night. On March 23, the Himachal Assembly had passed HP Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2026 seeking levy of 'Orphan and Widow Cess' of up to Rs 5 per litre on petrol and high speed diesel. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu had said the cess was levied to ensure a dedicated, stable and sustainable source of revenue for the effective implementation and strengthening of welfare measures for orphans and widows. The government will continue to adopt appropriate fiscal and administrative measures to keep fuel prices under control amid the Middle East conflict, which has triggered a surge in prices of oil and gas, the Parliament was informed on



Tuesday, August 4. The government had reduced the special additional excise duty on petrol and diesel by Rs 10 per litre earlier this year to protect consumers from the surge in fuel prices, following the Middle East conflict. The reduction in duty led to a revenue loss of around Rs 1.23 lakh crore to the government in the financial year 2026-27. "The excise duty reduction partly offset the under-recoveries being absorbed by public-sector oil marketing companies (OMCs), enabling them to continue supplying fuel without disruption," Minister of State for Finance

Pankaj Chaudhary said in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha. "The government will continue to adopt appropriate fiscal and administrative measures to mitigate the impact of future fuel price volatility while maintaining fiscal sustainability," he said. The government's strategy is to accommodate such measures within the available budgetary space by closely monitoring revenue and expenditure trends, reprioritising expenditure, and taking appropriate fiscal measures as warranted by evolving economic conditions, the minister said.

Gautam Adani says legal battles reinforced his faith in rule of law

New Delhi: Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani on Wednesday, August 12, said the dismissal of the US criminal case has left him with humility rather than triumph, saying the experience reinforced his faith in the rule of law and the importance of honouring commitments through periods of adversity. Speaking to employees and partners in the second edition of Apni Baat, Apno Ke Saath, Adani reflected on the Hindenburg Research allegations of 2023 and the subsequent US Justice Department case, days after a federal judge in New York dismissed the criminal charges against him and his nephew Sagar Adani. The judge's ruling ended the criminal case, but also raised concerns about the Justice Department's decision-making process. Adani said the episode had strengthened his conviction that "enduring confidence is earned by honouring commitments, standing by one's values and doing the right thing, especially in difficult times", according to a statement issued by the conglomerate. Recalling the Group's decision to withdraw its Rs 20,000 crore follow-on public offering in 2023, despite the issue being fully subscribed, he said, "Trust is greater than



any legal right". He added that while laws confer rights, values determine when those rights should be exercised. The Adani Group withdrew the FPO after Hindenburg Research published allegations of stock manipulation, improper use of offshore tax havens and excessive debt. The group denied the allegations. The US case followed in November 2024, when federal prosecutors accused Adani and others of agreeing to pay about USD 265 million in bribes to Indian government officials to secure solar-power contracts and of misleading US investors. Adani and the

group denied wrongdoing. On August 10, US District Judge Nicholas Garaufis dismissed the criminal charges after the Justice Department sought to withdraw the case. Adani said the group remained focused on executing its businesses during the legal proceedings, while employees, suppliers, contractors, vendors and partners continued to deliver on commitments. "While public attention remained fixed on the legal proceedings, employees, workers, suppliers, contractors, vendors and partners quietly continued building businesses, serving customers and deliver-

ing on their commitments," he said. "Their unwavering dedication helped turn one of the Group's most challenging chapters into one of its strongest periods of growth." He also said the episode deepened his faith in people, recounting how individuals across India whom he had never met offered encouragement and support. Adani said criticism of the group should also be viewed as an opportunity for introspection. "I also expressed gratitude to those who questioned and criticised the Group, saying criticism, irrespective of intent, offers an opportunity for introspection and improvement," he said. FROM ADVERSITY TO NATION-BUILDING With India preparing to mark its 80th Independence Day, Adani shifted the focus from the legal battle to the country's longer-term development, urging the more than three lakh employees and partners of the 'Adani Parivar' to consider what legacy their generation would leave behind. "As the country advanced towards Viksit Bharat, he urged every employee and partner to ask a simple but profound question: What will our generation be remembered for?" The Group said in its account of the address.

10K Malkajgiri property owners get relief in Waqf survey error



Hyderabad: A wrong village tag on a set of survey numbers that has kept nearly 10,000 Malkajgiri property owners locked out of registrations, mutations and loans is finally headed for correction, after the Telangana Waqf Board acknowledged the mix-up following sustained pressure from local MLA Marri Rajashekhar Reddy. The trouble traced back to a jurisdictional and village identification error in Waqf property records, where several survey numbers that actually belong to Mallapur village had been recorded as part of Malkajgiri village. The mislabelling placed the properties on the 22-A prohibited list, effectively freezing sale, purchase and loan transactions for affected residents. In a communication dated July 29, the Waqf Board recorded that survey numbers 3, 103, 104, 105, 145, 146, 147 and 148 to 154 belong

to Mallapur village, while the remaining survey numbers named in the relevant gazette notification belong to Malkajgiri village. The board noted that the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, Telangana, had sought clarification on the Waqf property list and took note of a representation from Rajashekhar Reddy seeking removal of the affected survey numbers from the 22-A list. It has now forwarded the matter for correction of the gazette notification and publication of the required modification in the official gazette. The board also flagged inconsistencies across separate Waqf notifications, including Gazette No. 35 of August 27, 1987, Gazette No. 37 of September 13, 2001, and a gazette dated June 29, 1989, saying these require verification, reconciliation and rectification.

Olympic medallist and former Indian Hockey captain PR Sreejesh becomes the first customer in India to take delivery of the 2026 Yezdi Roadster

Kerala, 12 August 2026: Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles today marked a significant milestone for its recently unveiled 2026 Yezdi range, with Olympic medallist and former Indian Hockey Team Captain PR Sreejesh becoming the first customer in India to take delivery of the all-new Yezdi Green Mamba Roadster. Having experienced the new Yezdi line-up at the recent national launch in Kerala, Sreejesh was drawn to the Green Mamba Roadster's distinctive styling and commanding road presence. For a sportsperson whose career has been defined by resilience, confidence and a challenger mindset, the Yezdi Roadster proved to be a natural fit. Finished in a distinctive matte-green shade complemented by a quilted Arabica-brown seat and signature copper decals, the Green Mamba Roadster is built to make a statement on the road. Powered by the 334-cc liquid-cooled Alpha2 engine equipped with a six-speed gearbox, assist-and-slipper clutch, ABS and modular seating, the motorcycle blends modern capability with the bold character that has long defined Yezdi's legacy.



Sreejesh becoming the first customer of the Green Mamba Roadster adds another milestone to Yezdi's strong family. Backed by an expanding retail network and a growing Kommuniti of riders, Yezdi remains focused on

strengthening its presence in India's rapidly evolving mid-capacity motorcycle segment. Speaking on the occasion, PR Sreejesh said, "I have always believed that life outside the field matters just as much as what happens on it. The

Yezdi Green Mamba Roadster caught my eye the moment I saw it at the launch in Kochi; there was something about its design, character and attitude that stayed with me. Yezdi has a legacy that riders across generations talk about and I wanted to be part of that story. This motorcycle is a reminder to keep chasing the things you are drawn to, whether that's on the field, on the road or in life." Anupam Thareja, Co-Founder, Classic Legends, said, "The Roadster represents everything that defines Yezdi today: bold character, confidence and a challenger spirit. We are delighted that a sporting icon like Sreejesh has chosen to become the first customer. His journey reflects the perseverance, courage and self-belief that resonate deeply with our brand. As the 2026 range begins reaching riders across the country, it's exciting to see the Roadster begin its journey with someone who truly embodies these values." With PR Sreejesh becoming the first customer to take delivery of the Green Mamba Roadster, Yezdi's 2026 range now begins its deliveries across India.

N CHANDRA TO EXIT TATA SONS AMID NOEL TATA REAPPOINTMENT STANDOFF



New Delhi: N Chandrasekaran will step down as chairman of Tata Sons when his current term ends in February 2027, drawing the curtains on a decade at the helm of one of India's most influential business groups after a prolonged standoff over his reappointment with Tata Trusts Chairman Noel Tata. Chandrasekaran, 63, who has spent 40 years with the Tata Group, on Wednesday, August 12, said he had informed the Tata Sons board that he would not offer himself for reappointment when his term ends on February 20, 2027. He asked the board to settle on a successor soon to ensure a smooth transition. The decision follows months of uncertainty over his continuation at Tata Sons, the principal holding company and promoter of Tata group companies. Philanthropic

trusts collectively hold 66 per cent of Tata Sons, giving Tata Trusts significant influence over the group's governance. Chandrasekaran, widely known as Chandra, said the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust and Sir Ratan Tata Trust, which together hold 51.54 per cent of Tata Sons, had unanimously recommended a five-year extension of his term. The proposal was subsequently recorded and recommended by the Tata Sons Nomination and Remuneration Committee and the board, he said. 5-year extension proposal not carried as one director did not support it The proposal was tabled at a February 24 board meeting but was not carried through after one director did not support it. Without naming who opposed the proposal, Chandrasekaran said he chose to defer the decision in the absence of unanimous support.

Indriya announces Krithi Shetty as Brand Ambassador for Southern Markets; unveils Varalakshmi campaign

Hyderabad, 12th August 2026: Indriya, Aditya Birla Jewellery, today announced actor Krithi Shetty as its Brand Ambassador, ahead of the festive season. Krithi brings with her a deep cultural connect with regions of AP, Telangana and Karnataka while she is a youth icon at an overall level. Marking this milestone, Krithi also takes centre stage as the face of Indriya's Varalakshmi campaign, a celebration of one of the most significant festive occasions across the South and the beginning of the festive season. Rooted in the themes of prosperity, devotion and togetherness, the campaign honours Goddess Lakshmi in every home while bringing alive Indriya's festive jewellery collection inspired by cherished traditions and contemporary design. Inspired by the traditions and symbolism that define the festive season, Indriya's temple jewellery collection reimagines heritage-inspired artistry through a contemporary lens, celebrating iconic design elements such as intricate nakkashi craftsmanship, Goddess Lakshmi



motifs, blooming lotuses, graceful peacocks, kasu-inspired elements and temple-inspired detailing. Crafted in rich antique gold finishes and accented with vibrant coloured stones, the collection spans statement necklaces, earrings, bangles, armlets, kamarbandhs and rings, bringing together timeless craftsmanship, contemporary silhouettes and versatile styling for every festive celebration. At the heart of the campaign is a new brand film featuring Krithi Shetty, set against the backdrop of festive preparations for Varalakshmi. The film

captures a heartfelt moment as Krithi chooses a gold necklace for her mother-in-law, a gesture of love, gratitude and admiration for the woman who enriches her life in countless ways. Capturing the emotions, rituals and shared moments that make the festive season so memorable, the film brings alive the thought of gifting gold to the one who is truly golden. Shantiswarup Panda, Head of Marketing & Visual Merchandising, Indriya, said, "Varalakshmi marks the beginning of one of the most culturally significant periods for us across the

Southern markets where jewellery is deeply intertwined with celebrations, family traditions and expressions of faith. As a brand, we wanted this campaign to reflect that authenticity rather than simply celebrate the occasion. Krithi has already built a strong affinity with audiences through her association with Indriya, and this campaign allows us to deepen that connection in a way that feels both culturally rooted and refreshingly contemporary. Through our festive collection and the campaign that brings it to life, we hope to inspire a new generation of consumers to celebrate traditions with jewellery that honours heritage while embracing modern design." Krithi Shetty said, "Traditions and cultural values have always been an integral part of my upbringing, and festivals continue to hold a special place in my life. They are a time for family, gratitude and togetherness, and this campaign beautifully captures that spirit. What I love about Indriya is the way it embraces culture not just as inspiration, but as a part of its story.

Indel Money Limited Announces Public Issue of Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) to Raise Up to Rs. 50,000 Lakh (500 crore)

Mumbai, August 12th, 2026: Indel Money Limited, a non-deposit taking non-banking finance company - Middle Layer ("NBFC-ML") - has announced the public issue of Secured, Rated, Listed and Redeemable Non-Convertible Debentures ("NCDs") of face value of 1,000 each. The Issue opens on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, and closes on Monday, August 31, 2026, with an option of early closure, subject to relevant approvals. Investors may make one or more applications for the NCDs, subject to a minimum application size of 10,000 across all Series collectively and in multiples of 1,000 thereafter. The Public Issue comprises a Base Issue of 25,000 lakhs (250 crore), with an option to retain oversubscription (Green Shoe Option) up to 25,000 lakhs (250 crore), aggregating an Overall Issue Size of up to 50,000 lakhs. (500 crore). The Merchant Bankers to the Issue is Trust Investment Advisors Private Limited, NuVama Wealth Management Limited and IDBI Capital Markets & Securities



Limited. The Net Proceeds of the Issue will be utilised for onward lending, financing or refinancing of existing debt and/or debt servicing, including payment of interest and/or repayment or prepayment of interest and principal of existing borrowings of the Company, and for general corporate purposes. (The Company will not utilise the proceeds of this Issue towards payment of prepayment penalty, if any. The Net Proceeds will be first utilised towards the stated Objects of the Issue, with the balance proposed to be utilised for general corporate purposes, subject to such utilisation not exceeding 25% of the gross pro-

ceeds, in compliance with the applicable SEBI NCS Regulations.) Mr. Umesh Mohanan, Whole Time Director, Indel Money, said, "We have received an encouraging response from the market during our earlier NCD issues, and we remain optimistic about the response to this Issue as well. The continued confidence of investors reflects their trust in our business model, management team, corporate governance practices and long-term growth strategy. With the Indian economy continuing to demonstrate resilience and credit demand remaining healthy, organised lenders, including gold loan NBFCs, have an important role to

play in meeting the financing requirements of individuals and businesses. This fundraise will further strengthen our capital position and support our ability to meet evolving credit demand, pursue our long-term growth objectives and comply with regulatory requirements." As of March 31, 2026, Indel Money's Assets Under Management (AUM) stood at 4,10,390.34 lakhs (4,103.90 crore), compared with 2,33,444 lakhs (2,334.44 crore) in FY25. During FY26, the Company reported total income of 60,596 lakhs (605.96 crore) and profit after tax of 12,397 lakhs (123.97 crore). Its net worth stood at 63,177 lakhs (631.77 crore).

ZHU RONGJI, WHO HELPED TURN CHINA INTO A TRADING GIANT, DIES AT 97

Former Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji, who spearheaded China's entry into global trade and laid the foundation for its explosive growth, has died at the age of 97. He served in the country's second-highest office from 1998-2003 and played a leading role in securing its entry into the World Trade Organization, opening Chinese factories to the international market and drawing foreign investment. He was one of the most important economic reformers who moved local tax powers to the central government, closed or privatised failing state firms and promoted home ownership. Many in China remember him as a tough and pragmatic leader who delivered double-digit growth and was rarely afraid to speak his mind. In 1998, he said China was facing "many potential crises that could erupt at any time..." "Ordinary people are discontent about us in many ways. Especially, there is corruption among officials, the gulf between rich and poor and the way some local officials act like tyrants." He labelled rogue bankers as

"half-wits" and said the dams and flood dykes lining the Yangtze River were as "flimsy and porous as tofu dregs". Under his leadership, which helped stabilise the economy and tackle corruption, China began transforming into a manufacturing powerhouse, leaving behind its status as a Communist outsider. Though he faced criticism because those reforms also led to 30 million lay-offs over five years, and with huge growth came more inequality. Chinese state media describe Zhu Rongji's life as one of "revolution, struggle and brilliance". He was born in the central province of Hunan in 1928 and earned a degree in electrical engineering before joining the civil service. He joined the Communist Party in 1949, but was purged twice - first after criticising Mao Zedong's economic policies as "irrational" and being labelled a "rightist", and again during the Cultural Revolution. Zhu was brought back into the fold after Mao's death, and by 1991 had risen to the role of vice-premier in charge of China's economy.



■ Israeli settlers besieging Palestinian families in West Bank village

Trump confirms he switched planes after Nato summit because of possible threat

President Donald Trump has confirmed that he secretly swapped planes as he left a Nato summit in Turkey last month due to a possible threat. "I go by Secret Service and the military. They wanted me to go in a different flight, different plane," Trump told reporters. "I just have to do what they say." The revelation comes after reports that Trump boarded Air Force One on 8 July in view of television cameras, before hiding in a catering truck to be transported to a military aircraft. The last-minute switch has raised questions about whether those left on the decoy plane were in danger, but Trump said on Tuesday the jet he boarded instead could have been at "greater



risk... because that would be the plane, I think, that they would be more likely to go for". Officials told the BBC's US partner, CBS News, that the US had detected a credible Iranian threat to fire a missile at the plane. The New York Times reported that US intelligence had information of a person near the Nato summit who had been

seen with a shoulder-fired missile. Journalists and some White House staff on board did not know the US president had been smuggled out as part of an elaborate ruse in response to a possible Iranian threat. Trump has previously said he was Iran's "number one target" during the summit in Ankara. "I guess there was

a threat out there," the president said during a visit aboard Air Force One to an event in Ohio on Tuesday. "I didn't really ask too much about it. I get a lot of threats." He added: "I have a lot of threats that you don't know about." The clandestine manoeuvre last month came a day after the US renewed military strikes on Iran following a breakdown of negotiations between Washington and Tehran to end the war. Trump had arrived in Turkey aboard a newer Boeing 747-8 donated by Qatar, but announced that he would leave on the old Air Force One "for old time's sake". On 8 July, footage showed him boarding the presidential jet at Ankara airport.

US INFLATION EASES AS FOOD AND FUEL COSTS COOL



US prices rose 3.4% in the year to July, slightly lower than the 3.5% in the year to June, new figures show. Energy remained volatile as the Middle East conflict has continued. While gasoline prices were down 2.9% in July compared to June, they were up 24.6% over the year. Month to month, inflation rose 0.1%, mainly due to an increase in housing costs, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said. Even small moves in rent can lift the overall headline figure as it makes up a large share of household spending. Food prices rose only slightly in July and at a slower rate than in June, while energy prices fell, offering some relief for consumers. While inflation was slightly lower in July compared to June, that means prices are rising at a slower pace, not that prices overall are falling. Prices excluding food and energy rose 0.2% after staying flat in June, with medical care and airline tickets edging higher and car insurance continuing to fall. The new Federal Reserve chair, Kevin Warsh, has said the central bank's priority is to "keep inflation moving down" while avoiding unnecessary shocks to the economy. In a recent press briefing, Warsh said the Fed cannot use a "magic

Highlights

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wand" to undo years of above-target inflation and must stay patient as price growth cools gradually. One of the Fed's key jobs is to keep inflation near 2%, a level policymakers say keeps prices stable, supports steady economic growth, and helps prevent deeper downturns. President Donald Trump has also said inflation is still too high for many families, pointing to rent and grocery bills as signs that the cost of living remains a major concern. Financial markets reacted calmly to the latest figures, with stocks little changed as the figures were broadly in line with market expectations. Recent labour market concerns have also softened expectations for a rate increase, after July's report showed a loss of jobs.

Wisconsin result dents winning streak for Democratic Party's left wing

David Crowley is projected to have won a primary election to become the Democratic candidate for Wisconsin governor, in a surprise comeback victory that dents a winning streak for the party's left wing. Crowley, the more centrist candidate, won a narrow victory over Francesca Hong, according to a projection by the BBC's partner, CBS News. Anti-establishment Democrats across the US had previously notched up victories that have rattled the party leadership in Washington. That trend did continue in another closely-watched Democratic contest in Minnesota. But in Wisconsin, the governor's race in November will be contested by Crowley and Tom Tiffany, who easily won the equivalent Republican contest. Crowley, the chief executive officer of the state's Milwaukee County, had a lead of less than half a percentage point over Hong with almost all votes in the Democratic contest counted,



according to CBS. In the early hours of Wednesday, he posted on X to say it was time to "get to work". Crowley reiterated that his missions were "making life more affordable, strengthening our schools, creating good-paying jobs, and making sure opportunity reaches every corner of our state". His new opponent Tiffany, meanwhile, currently serves as a US congressman and has the backing of US President Donald Trump. Tiffany has also highlighted affordability issues, running on a platform that includes lowering taxes,

supporting farmers and improving healthcare. The state's political matchups are expected to be closely fought during November's midterm elections, which have also wider implications for the control of the US Congress. The Hong-Crowley contest for the Democrats was just one of several closely-watched races that were held on Tuesday, and there was good news elsewhere for those on the party's left wing. In neighbouring Minnesota, candidate Peggy Flanagan secured the Democratic nomination for the upcoming

US Senate race, defeating her more centrist opponent Angie Craig. Meanwhile in Connecticut, there was a continuation of a different trend that has been witnessed in Democratic primaries across the country - with a challenger candidate unseating a long-term incumbent. Luke Bronin defeated John Larson, who has served 14 terms, to become the candidate for a House seat. And in South Carolina, Darline Graham Nordone advanced to a runoff vote later this month in a special Republican primary for the US Senate which was held following the death of her brother, Senator Lindsey Graham. She will face off against Democrat Annie Andrews to fill the vacant seat. Crowley's comeback in Wisconsin was all the more unexpected to many observers, given that he briefly dropped his bid last month in order to support a rival, and at one point trailed Hong by a double-digit margin in pre-election polling.

Danube river's low water levels reveal remains of WWII soldiers and motorcycle



=The bodies of two World War Two German soldiers have been found in Budapest's Danube river, due to record-low water levels after an intense drought. Found alongside their remains were the identification tags of the two soldiers, a largely intact German army Wehrmacht motorcycle, a wedding ring and a Kuban shield - a combat badge of the Wehrmacht, the German War Graves Commission said. The remarkable finds have sparked hope that some families could finally discover the fates of their

ancestors, more than 80 years on from the war. "Now begins a puzzle, in which we will try to determine the identity of the two dead," Arne Schrader, of the German War Graves Commission, told German newspaper Bild. The wreck in the Danube was reportedly discovered on 2 August, when a passersby reported part of the motorcycle protruding from the rocks on the riverbank in downtown Budapest. The team also found anti-tank mines, leading to the temporary closure of the riverbank as a bomb disposal unit was deployed.



Woman pulled alive from rubble 36 hours after Colombia quake

AT LEAST 44 DIE AS FERRY SINKS IN ZIMBABWE'S LAKE KARIBA

At least 44 people have died after a ferry sank on Lake Kariba in Zimbabwe on Tuesday, police have said. The ferry had a capacity to carry 90 passengers and five crew members but a lake official had reported that 120 people, including 12 children, were on it. The vessel was hit by a strong wave and overturned, police added. Footage shared online appears to show the overturned hull floating in the water. President Emmerson Mnangagwa has declared a state of disaster, as search and rescue operations intensify. So far, 77 people have been rescued. Lake Kariba, which straddles the border with Zambia, is one of the world's largest man-made reservoirs, supporting transport and fishing and providing vital hydro-electric power to both coun-



tries. An eyewitness, Maxton Kanhema, told AFP news agency that the boat had travelled in bad weather and may have been hit by a wave, causing its engines to switch off. "People were in distress... there were bodies in the water and it was a sad situation to witness. Those that could be rescued were rescued," he was quoted as saying. Mutsa Murombedzi, a local member

of parliament, posted a video on X of what she said was the boat at the start of the journey, adding that residents had been travelling across the lake to Kariba town, about five hours away. "We have very hard questions that require honest answers. The officials must release the correct number of people who were onboard," she wrote. The Zimbabwe Civil

Protection Unit (CPU) said that registered ticket sales showed 114 adult passengers were on the vessel. An unknown number of children below ticketing age could also have been onboard, it added. In its latest update on X, police said that 44 bodies had now been retrieved from the lake - up from the initial 15. Local government minister Daniel Garwe said the president had declared a state of disaster to ensure "all necessary resources are mobilised" for search and rescue operations. This included an army boat squadron, a police sub-aqua unit and a privately owned helicopter, he said. "The government extends its deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have lost their lives in this tragic incident," Garwe added in a statement.

Gujarat Titans Asked Shubman Gill If He Is OK With Hardik Pandya's Return

Hardik Pandya's return to the Mumbai Indians after two consecutive finals with the Gujarat Titans-one of which he won-became the subject of a big talking point in 2024. The fact that the MI management decided to name him the captain, demoting Rohit Sharma in the process, left fans infuriated. Three years since his return to the franchise, Hardik reportedly held talks with the Titans, asking if he could make another U-turn. While the franchise was open to the move, it was important for the bosses to discuss the same with skipper Shubman Gill. Gill played under Hardik after joining the franchise in 2022. As Hardik returned to the Mumbai Indians ahead of the 2024 IPL season, Gill was succeeded by him as the captain. Despite the fact that GT did so well last season, finishing as the runners-up, Gill opened the door for Hardik as the franchise bosses sought his approval



for the all-rounder's return after a controversial spell with MI. However, the situation took a dramatic turn when the GT management and Gill came to know that Hardik also wants the captain's role back. This was when the Gujarat Titans bosses and Gill put their foot down, informing Hardik that such a condition cannot be fulfilled. "The franchise was fine with him making a return. They had even discussed the same with its captain Shubman Gill, and he, too, had agreed that the franchise could trade him back. But when his condition of

captaincy was put up, everyone said no to it," Indian Express quoted a source as saying. With the Mumbai Indians and Hardik Pandya reportedly looking to part ways over multiple issues, the all-rounder is still in search of a new franchise. In the past few weeks, Hardik has been linked with a move to the Kolkata Knight Riders and the Chennai Super Kings. However, none of the moves have matured so far. If Hardik is to fulfil his ambitions of leading a franchise, the Knight Riders might be the best franchise for him.

MESSI UNSURE HE WILL PLAY 'MUCH LONGER' AFTER FATHER'S DEATH

Lionel Messi said he is unsure how much longer he will continue playing football as he posted an emotional tribute after his father's death. Messi's father Jorge was 68 when he died last week following a long illness. Jorge had been the Argentina forward's agent since he was 14 and watched him become one of the sport's greatest ever players. "I don't know what I'm going to do without you," eight-time Ballon d'Or winner Messi wrote on social media. "I don't know how to carry on. I used to just play football, and now I'm really not sure if I'll carry on doing it for much longer. "You were by my side from the very beginning. We were so close to the end. Why didn't you hang in there just a little longer so we could finish this together?" Messi captained Argentina as they won the World Cup in 2022 and led them to the 2026 World Cup final, which his side lost 1-0 to Spain, before returning to club side Inter Miami. He



returned home with his family after Jorge passed away in a hospital in his hometown of Rosario, Argentina. A private funeral took place on Sunday at a cemetery in the town of Perez, on the outskirts of Rosario. "Dad, I still can't believe you're gone," Messi continued. "It hasn't sunk in, or rather, I don't want it to. "It's so hard for me to imagine

that I'll never see you again, that we'll never talk again. I know you were suffering and that this is for the best, but you left too soon. We still had so much left to enjoy together." During the World Cup, Messi was brought to tears after scoring the opening goal in Argentina's 3-0 win against Algeria because of a matter he said was "completely unrelated to football". A statement from his family later said Jorge was dealing with a "health-related situation". Messi

added: "You kept asking me to play in one last World Cup, and just days before it started, that's when you took a turn for the worse. "It was the first time you weren't going to be at a tournament, but Mom kept telling me you'd get better and that you'd be well enough to travel. I kept telling you that we were going to make it to the final so you could come along. "Every time a game ended, I'd wait for and miss your message. That's when I realised how bad the situation was. "Even so, I couldn't stop thinking about going as far as possible, to give you time to watch a game. We made it to the final, and you couldn't be there. "I wanted to win it so I could bring the trophy to you and show you a new one. I couldn't, my legs had nothing left. This time I tried to push past my physical limits, but I couldn't. I never managed to feel right." Messi made his sixth appearance at a World Cup as he captained Argentina at the 2026 tournament. He played eight games during the competition, scoring eight goals and registering four assists. "Of course, you never missed a single game," said Messi.

Monkey Whisperers at Badminton Worlds? Pusarla Venkata Sindhu Reacts on Viral Buzz

The World Badminton Championships returns to India after 17 long years. The marquee competition will start from August 17 in New Delhi. The event is being held at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, which hosted the India Open badminton tournament earlier this year. The venue drew international criticism due to hygiene issues, a monkey menace, as well as bird excreta halting play. The Badminton Association of India and the Sports Authority of India have combined to give the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium a thorough makeover this time. The organisers have roped in

three trained monkey whisperers, who mimic the calls of langurs to scare away rhesus macaques, which are commonly found in central Delhi, including the area around the stadium that will host the August 17-23 championships. Heavy-duty polyethylene bird nets and non-toxic deterrent gels have also been installed. While the effort put in has been lauded, some sections of social media have made terse remarks about the World Championships organisers' focus on these remedial measures. Double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu defended the organisers. The unique solution comes in the wake of the

India Open in January, which was briefly disrupted by monkeys in the spectator stands, with the images making international headlines. Rhesus macaques are believed to be wary of langurs, which are considerably larger in size, and the mimicry is being used as a deterrent. The use of actual langurs for such activities was banned in 2012. "100%. I genuinely don't understand the outrage. We all love Wimbledon, and they've had Rufus the hawk keeping pigeons away for years. Every major sporting event has its own local challenges.



ABHISHEK POREL ARREST CASE:

Why Calcutta High Court Adjourned Hearing Till September 14

Bengal cricketer Abhishek Porel, who plays for Delhi Capitals in the Indian Premier League, was arrested by police in Hooghly district over allegations of rape, assault, and criminal intimidation. The arrest followed a complaint by a medical student alleging that Porel had sexual relations with her on the promise of marriage, an official said on Tuesday as quoted by PTI. The cricketer was arrested late on Monday after the police registered a case under several provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), including Section 69, along with provisions of the Information Technology Act. In the latest development, the Calcutta High Court has deferred the



hearing until September 14. The state requested an adjournment before the bench of Justice Saugata Bhattacharyya so that the police could proceed with the investigation. As per the news agency, another accused in the case, reportedly a friend of Porel, is yet to be apprehended. A young medical student from

Karnataka had lodged a complaint against Porel at Mogra police station on June 23, alleging that the two had been in a relationship for around three-and-a-half years and had planned to get married. The woman also alleged that the two had travelled abroad together, but that Porel later denied their relationship, following which she approached the police. According to the complaint, the two had a dispute around a year and a half ago, which escalated to the police station, but no complaint was filed at that time. Following the June complaint, police launched an investigation, and teams visited Porel's residence in Chandannagar several times but could not find him there.

SARFARAZ KHAN VS DHRUV JUREL DEBATE SETTLED, MURALI KARTIK NAMES HIS CLEAR PICK FOR SRI LANKA TESTS

Sarfraz Khan's return to the Indian Test team has triggered a debate over playing XI selection for the first Test against Sri Lanka at Galle. Sarfraz, who comes into the team as a replacement for the injured B Sai Sudharsan, is being backed by many for the No. 6 role in the team. However, there's a section that feels Dhruv Jurel deserves to be played over him. Former Indian spinner Murali Kartik has offered a clear, player-centric perspective on how team management should approach the playing XI. Addressing the competing claims between Sarfraz and Jurel, Kartik emphasised that decisions must balance individual merit with long-term squad stability and clear communication. "Sarfraz has done nothing wrong. He is coming



into the team as a replacement player. The messaging is important, the players should feel secure about their places. Dhruv Jurel is also an important wicket-keeper. For me he should be in the playing XI over Sarfraz Khan," Kartik said in a roundtable with journalists, as an expert for the Sony Sports Network. Kartik's perspective highlights a crucial aspect of team dynamics in the Indian team,

that has been present for a while now. Sarfraz's entry into the squad came as cover for an injured teammate rather than an immediate restructuring of the baseline middle order. While Sarfraz has consistently demonstrated his ability to dominate spin and deliver heavy runs in red-ball cricket, stepping in as a replacement does not automatically guarantee a spot in the primary XI.

After Jasprit Bumrah And Sai Sudharsan Injury Blow, Report Gives Another Bad News For India

At a time when the Indian cricket team is already dealing with injury concerns, a report has provided another piece of bad news for the side. While the likes of Jasprit Bumrah and Sai Sudharsan have already been ruled out of the upcoming two-match Test series against Sri Lanka, Washington Sundar is reportedly set to miss the second game as well. The spin-bowling all-rounder was already ruled out of the first game after failing to recover in time from a leg injury he suffered during India's white-ball tour of England last month. His availability for the second game was subject to fitness. The first Test between India and Sri Lanka will be played from August 15-19 in Galle, followed by the second in Colombo (SSC) from August 23-27. The BCCI Centre of Excellence (CoE) and the Indian team management



do not want to take any risk with Sundar at a time when the side is dealing with injuries to multiple players, reported the Times of India. Sundar, who is recovering from a hamstring injury, is currently in India at the CoE, and his chances of joining the team in Sri Lanka ahead of the second Test are "very slim", a source shared this information with the news outlet. It added that a "thorough assessment" will be carried out next week. Earlier,

India batter Sudharsan was ruled out of the Test series against Sri Lanka due to a right toe stress reaction. The BCCI said he is recovering well at the CoE in Bengaluru and remains under close medical supervision. Sarfraz Khan has been named as his replacement. Pacer Bumrah was also ruled out of the series as he has not fully recovered from the left knee injury he sustained during the ODI series against England.

Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem To Skip Diamond League Javelin Event In Lausanne



Pakistan's Olympic gold-medallist javelin thrower Arshad Nadeem will skip the Diamond League meet in Lausanne this month to focus on preparing for another international event and the Asian Games in Japan this year. Arshad's long-time coach, Salman Butt, said the javelin thrower was presently training in Lahore but would soon leave for South Africa, where he will train for a few weeks under his coach, Terseus Liebenberg, and local trainers. "He has decided against competing in the Diamond League meet this month as he wants to be ready for the Asian Games," Butt said. Arshad didn't qualify for the top eight in the finals of the recent Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, where Sri Lanka's Rumesh Tharanga Pathirage eventually took the top spot with a throw of 89.75 metres, while India's Neeraj Chopra and Yash Vir Singh took the second and third spots

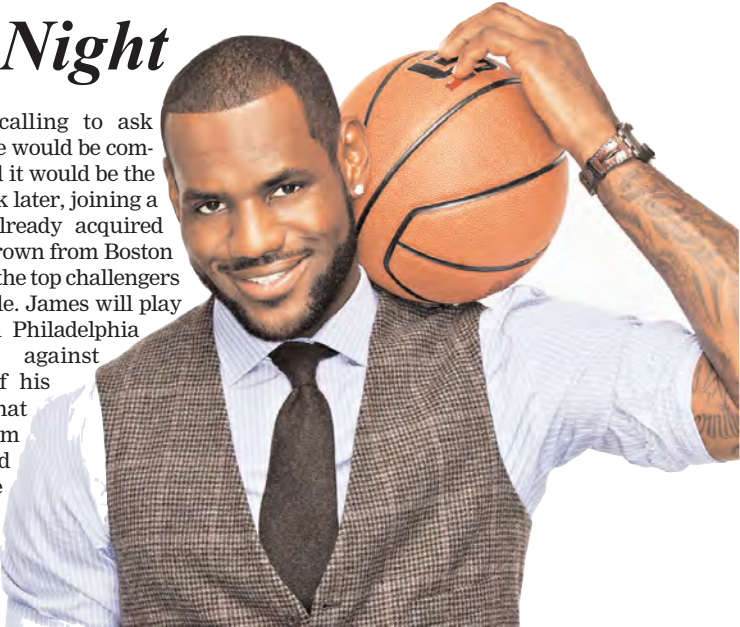
respectively. It was the first time two Indians had featured on the javelin throw podium after a final. Arshad was scheduled to compete in the Lausanne Diamond League on August 21 along with other big stars, including Chopra, Julian Weber and Anderson Peters. However, he will now miss the competition and travel to South Africa for a training camp. The 28-year-old will train in Potchefstroom for two weeks, a venue where he has previously completed two training stints ahead of the 2022 Commonwealth Games and 2024 Olympics, where he won gold medals. After his training stint in South Africa, Arshad is expected to compete at the World Athletics Ultimate Championships, to take place in Budapest from September 6 to 14. He will then participate in the Asian Games. Butt said Arshad was just waiting for his visa to leave for South Africa.

LeBron James To Play His First Game With 76ers Against Champions Knicks On NBA Opening Night

LeBron James will visit the New York Knicks on opening night and the Los Angeles Lakers on Christmas. James' arrival in Philadelphia has made the 76ers must-see TV, and they are all over the NBA's biggest days of the season. James will make his 76ers debut against the NBA champion Knicks on Oct. 20. The game at Madison Square Garden will be part of a tripleheader, when the Knicks raise a banner to celebrate their first championship since 1973 and James then kicks off the final stop in his career. He will return to face the Lakers on Christmas, after Victor Wembanyama and the San Antonio Spurs are back in New York for an NBA Finals rematch to open a five-game schedule. The NBA unveiled those games Tuesday morning as what it called a "sneak peek" at the 2026-27 sched-

ule. The full schedule will be released Thursday. The season begins with the Boston Celtics visiting Detroit in a rare 3 p.m. EDT start for a midweek game. The tripleheader is capped by the Spurs hosting Oklahoma City in a rematch of the Western Conference finals. Those three games — opening night traditionally has featured two in recent years — will all be televised by NBC. ESPN then has all five games on Christmas. That schedule: San Antonio at New York, Miami at Boston, Philadelphia at Los Angeles, Oklahoma City at Minnesota, and Denver at Golden State. James' new team was always going to have a prominent place on the schedule, so the NBA struggled to put the puzzle together while waiting for him. Commissioner Adam Silver even said last month that he wanted James to announce his decision because teams and

networks were calling to ask when the schedule would be completed. James said it would be the 76ers about a week later, joining a team that had already acquired All-Star Jaylen Brown from Boston and will be one of the top challengers for the Knicks' title. James will play his first game in Philadelphia on Oct. 22 against Cleveland, one of his former teams that hoped to get him back for a third time. That will be part of an ESPN doubleheader preceding Denver visiting Oklahoma City.



GRAND PRE-RELEASE EVENT OF ‘VISHWANATH & SONS’ HELD IN HYDERABAD

The much-awaited Tamil star Suriya's latest film, 'Vishwanath & Sons', is directed by the talented Venky Atluri, with Mamitha Baiju as the female lead. Presented by Srikara Studios, the film is jointly produced by Suryadevara Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya under the banners of Sithara Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinemas. Music is composed by G. V. Prakash Kumar. A heartwarming family entertainer packed with natural humour, tender emotions and relatable relationships, 'Vishwanath & Sons' has already generated strong anticipation with its songs, teaser and trailer receiving an

excellent response. The film is set to release worldwide in theatres on August 14, 2026. Ahead of the theatrical release, the makers hosted a grand pre-release event on Tuesday evening at Kotla Vijay Bhaskar Reddy Stadium, Hyderabad, which witnessed the presence of the film's cast, crew, prominent personalities and a large number of fans.

SURIYA
Speaking at the event, hero Suriya thanked MLA Naveen Yadav, the film fraternity and fans for being part of the celebrations. "Namaskaram to all my fans and their families across both Telugu states. You have show-



ered immense love on me for the past 23 years, and I am here today because of that love. A film like this was possible because of Naga Vamsi garu and Venky. I strongly believe you will fall in love with this film when you watch it in theatres. From the beginning, this film has received the blessings and support of Trivikram Srinivas garu. He

has always stood by us. Trivikram garu has delivered films rooted in family values while making them appealing to the current generation, and Venky has drawn great inspiration from him. G. V. Prakash has given fantastic music, and his combination with Venky is going to make it a hat-trick. Cinematographer Nimis, art director Banglan, editor Naveen and every member of the team have contributed immensely to making this film special. I can never forget the six months I spent in Hyderabad for this film. It is very special to me. Twenty years ago, Telugu audiences embraced me as Sanjay Ramaswamy in Ghajini.

HAIWAAN TEASER:

*Akshay Kumar-
Saif Ali Khan Enter a
Dark World of Mystery*



Following the phenomenal response to its first look posters, Haiwaan is ready to pull audiences deeper into its dark and dangerous world. Mysterious, unsettling and packed with intrigue, Priyadarshan's edge of the seat thriller signals the arrival of a deliciously villainous era on the big screen. Building on the anticipation surrounding the Akshay Kumar and Saif Ali Khan starrer, the much awaited teaser offers the first gripping peek into a world driven by mystery, danger and haiwaaniat Dark, atmospheric and deliberately cryptic, the teaser intrigues without revealing too much. Striking silhouettes, looming shadows and fleeting glimpses come together to create an unsettling sense that something sinister is waiting to be unleashed. Every frame feels like a piece of a larger puzzle, leading to the question at the heart of it all, Hero Ya Haiwaan? Keeping its biggest cards firmly under wraps, the teaser leaves audiences guessing about what lies beneath the surface.

SHALINI PANDEY'S NOSTALGIC ITALIAN SUMMER THROWBACK



Shalini Pandey, who won hearts with Arjun Reddy but has been having a tough time finding her footing in Bollywood with OTT projects and films not quite clicking, took to social media with a nostalgic throwback post that had fans hitting the like button in seconds. In the throwback pictures, the actress flaunts her sun-kissed look in a striking backless outfit, soaking in the warmth and beauty of her getaway with a heartfelt caption that read, "I

miss who I get to be in an Italian summer. Free, silly, sun-bathed, just existing in my body, completely enjoying the privilege of being a woman, and getting to do all this with a friend who matches my freak. I miss that. ?? The post struck a chord with her followers, many of whom flooded the comments section with love. While her Bollywood run continues to be a work in progress, Shalini's social media clearly remains a space where she stays effortlessly herself.

TFTDDA NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TAKES OATH IN GRAND CEREMONY

HYDERABAD: The oath-taking ceremony of the newly elected Executive Committee members of the Telugu Film & TV Dancers and Dance Directors Association (TFTDDA) for the 2025-2027 term was held in a grand manner in Hyderabad. The ceremony was organised under the leadership of TFTDDA President Sumalatha Devi, and was attended by union leaders, dancers, dance directors and a large number of association members. The newly elected office-bearers, who emerged victorious in the by-elections, formally assumed their respective responsibilities and took the oath of office. President Sumalatha Devi and members of the association congratulated the newly appointed executive committee and wished them success.



Speaking on the occasion, TFTDDA President Sumalatha Devi said that the new executive committee had been constituted by taking decisions in accordance with the association's by-laws. She appealed to all members to extend their cooperation and support to the new team. TFTDDA General Secretary G. Balakrishna clarified that reports suggesting that the association was opposed to actor Chiranjeevi were not true. He expressed gratitude to Chiranjeevi and Ram Charan for extending financial support to the association towards providing health insurance to its members. He said the association would remain indebted to

them for their support and service. Balakrishna said the welfare of members would remain the top priority of the new committee and assured that efforts would be made to provide health insurance coverage to every association member. New Executive Committee General Secretary: G. Balakrishna Treasurer: Israel Pitta (Vadivel) Vice-President: G. Shankar Joint Secretary: P. Nagamalleswara Rao Organising Secretary: G. Raviteja Executive Committee Members: P. Kannaiah, G. Venkanna, M. Ramesh, M. Ramulu, K. Niranjani and CH. Sai Lakshmi, among others. The gathering also specially remembered the contributions of the founding members who laid the foundation for the development of TFTDDA.

From Farmer's Son to Creator of the 'Trikaala Cinematic Universe': Mani Tellagooti

Dreaming is easy, but turning those dreams into a larger-than-life vision on the silver screen requires extraordinary determination, technical expertise and self-confidence. Mani Tellagooti is a rare talent who embodies all three. Born and raised amid green fields as the son of a farmer, he has now emerged as a filmmaker who is making Tollywood look toward the world of Trikaala. His journey from the projection room to the director's chair is a story of passion, perseverance and relentless self-belief.

FROM THE PROJECTION ROOM TO THE PRODUCTION CHAIR
Born into a farming family in Chintapudi village of Tirupati district, Andhra Pradesh, Mani Tellagooti's journey is truly inspiring. While pursuing his education in Tirupati, he grew up as the son of a cinema projectionist, developing an intense fascination with films from an early age. The images moving across the screen in the dark projection room awakened the filmmaker and creator within him. Rather than stopping with a dream, Mani chose VFX (Visual Effects) as his pathway into the film industry and developed strong technical expertise as a VFX artist. He later demonstrated his creative skills as an editor, mastering the art of shaping the mood,



rhythm and pace of a film. By combining his technical experience with creative storytelling, he eventually transformed himself into a writer and director with a distinctive vision.

'TRIKAALA' - A NEW CINEMATIC EXPERIENCE FOR TELUGU AUDIENCES
Directed by Mani Tellagooti, Trikaala impressed audiences with its technical brilliance and gripping narrative style. The film was produced prestigiously by Radhika Srinivas, while Pawan Chenn's cinematography provided a grand visual experience.

The movie is set for a worldwide grand theatrical release on September 3

"Romanchakam," presented by blockbuster director Sandeep Reddy Vanga and produced under the Bhadrakali Pictures banner, stars Sumanth Prabhas and Ananthika Sanilkumar in the lead roles. The film is produced by Pranay Reddy Vanga and directed by debutant filmmaker Venugopal Reddy. The movie is gearing up for a worldwide grand theatrical release on September 3. Meanwhile, the film's musical promotions are progressing successfully. The previously released song "Radha Ramana" received a huge response from music lovers. Now, the makers have released the title song from the film. The title song of "Romanchakam" has been composed by music director Vasuki Vaibhav, who blends a catchy beat with a beautiful melody and also



delivers an energetic vocal performance. Renowned lyricist Chandrabose has penned mature and effortless lyrics that capture the emotions of young love. The song beautifully portrays the excitement of first love and the cute, intimate moments that only lovers can truly experience. It begins with the feeling that the world has suddenly

become something completely new, with just two people existing in their own little universe. The song has been beautifully picturized, bringing out the freshness, excitement, and charm of a couple experiencing love for the first time. "Romanchakam" is an interesting youthful entertainer that blends love, comedy, and suspense.

Sivakarthiskeyan, Sivakumar Murugesan, Kamal Haasan, R Mahendran, RKFI, Turmeric Media's 'Seyan' second schedule begins

Versatile star Sivakarthiskeyan has joined hands with director Sivakumar Murugesan for the project 'Seyan', which is being produced by Kamal Haasan and R Mahendran. This is Sivakarthiskeyan's film under the banner of Raaj Kamal Films International after the box office success 'Amaran'. The first look poster of the film, released on Sivakarthiskeyan's birthday, has received a wonderful response. The shooting of this film is going on at a fast pace. The second schedule has started today. In the video released on this occasion, Sivakarthiskeyan's look impresses everyone. Bhagyashree Borse is playing the heroine in this film. The film is being made as a big rural commercial entertainer. The film will be an entertainer with emotions, mass appeal, and will entertain audiences of all ages. The film is being scored by Santosh Narayanan.



HIGH: Krithi Shetty Adds Spark To Fanaa

The musical buzz around HIGH is getting a fresh boost, thanks to actress Krithi Shetty. The film marks the directorial debut of S Krishna, a longtime associate of filmmaker Anil Ravipudi. Harish Peddi, S Krishna, and Sekhar Divvela are producing the movie under Imagespark Entertainment and Myra Creations. Following the encouraging response to the teaser, the makers have shifted their focus to the music. The first single, Fanaa, has already caught the attention of music lovers and is gaining

momentum. Krithi Shetty has now added her own flavour to the song by featuring in a reel. She is seen enjoying the track, playfully hinting at her love interest and ending the video by inviting viewers to create their own versions. Her fun-filled reel brings a new dimension to the song's promotions and is likely to help Fanaa connect with an even wider audience. Krithi's screen presence also adds a distinct spark to the track. She indeed appears more beautiful and charming than her recent movies.

The film HIGH revolves around influencers, which makes its social media-driven promotional strategy all the more significant. As part of the campaign, around 300 well-known influencers came together to launch the first single, Fanaa, giving the song a massive digital push. More importantly, the makers are going all out with their social media promotions, strategically leveraging the influencer community to create greater visibility and buzz around the film. The makers will announce the film's release date soon.

